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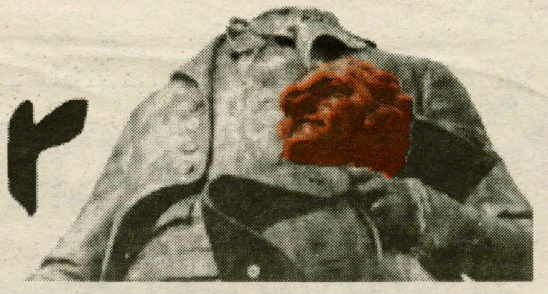

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Carving their place

PHOTO BY JAMIL ABBASY '02

Heather Olson '02 and Meredith Waltman '02 carve pumpkins, making their first Halloween at college a little more like home.

Bond speaks on civil rights to packed Chapel

by Lindy Roath '02
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Many college students, especially those on a racially homogenous campus like Hamilton, may think that civil rights is an issue of the past. Julian Bond's visit to campus was a reminder that racial equality is still at the forefront of the issues Americans face.

"Everywhere we look, clear racial fault lines divide America as much as in the past," Bond said.

Bond, civil rights activist and chairman of the NAACP, delivered a speech that resounded with the notion of, "then as now," and that civil rights is a "continued movement stretching from ancient past to this moment."

The laughter that Bond raised from the audience didn't mask the power of his message. He had a clear directive to heighten awareness and understanding among his audience, and instigate a desire for change and action. Bond offered students and faculty several avenues to apply the work of the NAACP to enhance diversity and acceptance on campus and in the community.

"Of course first you can all join the NAACP," he said.

Additionally, Bond offered what he believes to be the key to change; "litigation, organization and mobilization." Bond advocated the "virtue of organization-you have to get a body, debate and then create change."

Most have heard the heroic stories of the individuals who fought for civil rights in the 1960s, but Bond reminds us that behind those great individuals there were thousands of ordinary men and women registering voters one by one.

"There are men and women, young and old here tonight who can do the same," he said. "There is enormous opportunity for action for each of us."

Bond said the goal for the future

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Celebrate sexuality, says Rainbow Alliance

by Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Celebrate Sexuality Week was officially kicked off Monday, October 26 with the Rainbow Alliance's host of daily events to celebrate the diversity of gender and sexuality. One highlight of the week was an educational talk by Shane Windmeyer, a speaker on 'Queer Life in the Greek System'. Coordinator Cynthia Fadem '01 feels that Windmeyer brought to Hamilton a different perspective on homophobia and other issues in college societies. Activist Leslie Feinberg, author of *Stone Butch Blues* and *Transgender Warriors*, also spoke about transgender issues.

A student-faculty mixer was held on Tuesday evening, sponsored by Group Q. According to Fadem, this was an opportunity for "queer" and "queer allies" (students and professors), to meet and talk with one another in a relaxed setting. A gender workshop was held on Thursday by Honey Baer '00 and Sara Jackson '00. In addition to these activities, the Rainbow Alliance also sold t-shirts in Beinecke throughout the week.

Fadem expressed the Rainbow Alliance's desire to make the activities interesting and appealing to the entire campus. She has resolved to use the week as an opportunity to raise awareness, as well as to have a good time celebrating sexual diversity. It is very important, according to the Rainbow Alliance, to facilitate the celebration of, and education about, issues of diversity.

Perhaps the enthusiasm of the Rainbow Alliance about this week is best summed up by Kyle Harris '00, who feels that, "Sexuality is great! I think we should celebrate it every week!"

Whereas Sexuality Week has previously been held in the spring, this year the Rainbow Alliance decided to move Celebrate

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Students volunteer for *Make a Difference Day* held by HAVOC

by Meghan Hern '01
NEWS STAFF WRITER

Every year there is one day that is dedicated nationwide to the sole purpose of making a difference in the lives of the less fortunate. Whether it be painting a soup kitchen or singing at a nursing home, students participated in an event much bigger than any individual and with consequences reaching far beyond the Hill.

Saturday's Make a Difference Day is co-sponsored by Points of Light and the weekend edition of *USA Today*. Sarah Knapp '99, one of the overall organizers of the event, started the program here three years ago. Each year HAVOC sends letters to each organization on campus with the intention of getting groups to participate in various projects. This year nine organizations responded out of the 60 plus organizations on campus.

The response was the largest ever, to which Knapp said, "we are really excited about."

There were also individual sign-ups, bringing the final count to nearly 100 volunteers.

PHOTO BY RACHAEL ANDERMAN '02

Students traverse campus last Saturday afternoon, doing their part by picking up trash at the All-Campus Clean up.

Tumbling After, Hamilton's newest a capella singing group, sang at the Lutheran Home for an audience which Alyssa Conover said was "incredibly appreciative." Not only were the residents of the home treated to an excellent concert, but the group gained what Conover referred to as welcome and needed practice performing, especially for a new group. Conover said that "it was also a chance to let people off campus hear us."

Gamma Xi volunteered at the Welcome Hall Coffee House, a soup kitchen in Rome. The house is a place for people to go when they

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Poet to present at free reading in Events Barn

Press Release

Gray Jacobik, 1997 winner of The Yeats Prize and the Emily Dickinson Prize in poetry, will read from her works on Wednesday, November 4 at 8 p.m. in the Fillius Events Barn at Beinecke Student Activities Village. A reception will follow.

Both are free and open to the public, and are sponsored by the department of English and the Kirkland Endowment.

Jacobik is an associate professor of literature at Eastern Connecticut State University, where she teaches courses in 19th and 20th century American and British poetry and writing. A widely published poet and recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Creative Writing and an Artist's Fellowship from the Connecticut Commision on the Arts, her poems have been nominated seven times for a Pushcart Prize. They have appeared in *The Best American Poetry 1997*, *Ploughshares*, *The Georgia Review*, *North American Review* and *Prarie Voice*.

Her new collection, *The Double Task*, received the Juniper Prize in 1997 from the University of Massachusetts Press and was nominated for The James Laughlin Award. A new manuscript, *The Surface of Last Scattering*, has been selected as the winner of the X. J. Kennedy Poetry Prize and will be published in 1999 by the Texas Review Press.

BLSU holds Dominican relief drive

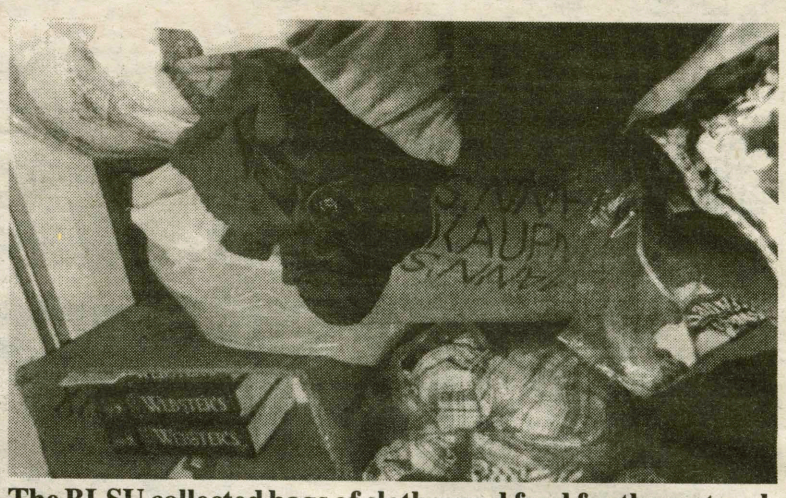
by Suzanne Dougherty '00
NEWS STAFF WRITER

The Black and Latin Student Union organized a relief drive this week to support the Dominican Republic, in an effort to combat the devastating effects of Hurricane Georges. More than a month after the early September storm, parts of the island are still without electricity.

"It's the scariest thing," said Amanda Sackey '01. "When you are on an island, you can't go anywhere. There is no way to escape the disaster."

Relief efforts have been initiated all over the United States in order to assist this country in need.

Hamilton student Savitri Ramhark '99 is currently studying abroad in the Dominican Republic. She e-mailed the BLSU to say, "There were a lot of mud slides because of flooding waters, and most of the people in the capital are left homeless. The crops are all pretty much destroyed for the season...They still haven't been able to count all the bodies, but the estimate for now is about 1500-2000 people missing and dead.'



The BLSU collected bags of clothes and food for those struck by Hurrcane Georges.

Many students have homes and family members on the island and surrounding islands of Puerto Rico and St. Croix, all of which were directly affected by the storm. It is this close association with the island that has encouraged many students to take action.

The BLSU worked very hard to offer their support by collecting an assortment of items.

The drive, organized by Ruth Gardner '99 and Adinah Bradberry '01,was a huge success, as many people from the Community made generous contributions of food, clothes, toys and toiletries.

It is still possible to make further donations. Items may be deposited at the Afro-Latino Cultural Center building acreoss from ELS until late next week.

Make a Difference Day a nationwide tradition of volunteerism

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need help getting back on their feet and need a temporary place to live, or just need a meal. Recently, the house has implemented an afterschool program for kids.

The sisters painted walls throughout the morning and afternoon.

"With everyone pitching in we got a lot done and made things go a lot quicker," Melissa Moriarty said.

The spirit of working together seemed to characterize the day for a number of the groups.

Yet another group of volunteers went to the Jesus Christ Tabernacle Of David in Utica and helped clean, rake leaves, and basically anything else that was needed.

The JCTOD is a place for women to get back on their feet, many of them recovering drug addicts, providing a basic shelter for them and their children.

"I think that 'Make a Difference Day' is good because it gives people a chance to volunteer who ordinarily wouldn't, whether it is because they are too busy or just don't want to make a big time committment," Heather Larsen '01 commented. "Also it is nice to know that so many people are taking time out of their day to help someone else."

Molly Fazio '00 who headed up the All-Campus Clean up was very much in agreement, saying, "it is nice to label a day in particular when people can go out and do something and make a difference."

The Democrats, the Womyn's Center, CAB, the Class of '02, Student Assembly, RHC, ISC, and the swim team played a large part in making the day worthwhile as well.

Knapp said that there were also a number of people who could not participate in the day, who called her with words of encouragement and support.

The feelings of togetherness, pride and fullfillment in what they had accomplished were evident at the end of the day. Yet, for all those who did volunteer last Saturday, as well as all those who didn't have the chance to, the oppurtunity is not lost.

There is not just one day to make a homeless child smile, or an old woman laugh. There is not just one day to recognize our privilege, and with that recognition, help others who are not so fortunate.

'Make A Difference Day' was not about last Saturday, or any other one day, according to HAVOC organizers. It is about every little bit making a difference any time, any day, and in any way.

Campus education the goal of sexuality week

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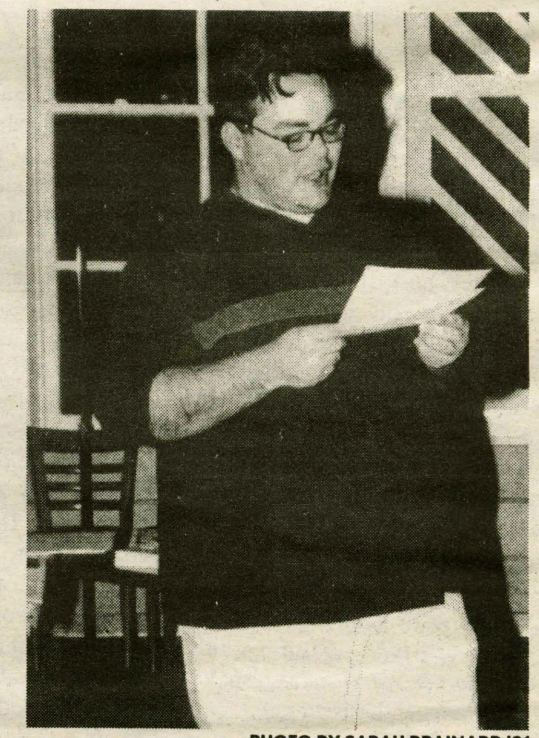
Sexuality Week to the fall. Fadem said that autumn is "less hectic for everyone," and hoped that more people would participate in the events since the campus would not be in the midst of the spring crunchtime. However, the Rainbow Alliance plans to hold a film fest in the spring, possibly in a collaborative effort with an advant garde film society.

Celebrate Sexuality Week is jointly sponsored by the Classics, Philosophy, Sociology and Women's Studies Departments, as well as the Chaplaincy, Faculty for Women's Concerns, the Hillel Society, the Kirkland Endowment, the President's Office, the Office of Residential Life and the Office of Student Activities.



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Shane Windmeyer, gives his lecture, "Queer Life in the Greek System" in the Events Barn.

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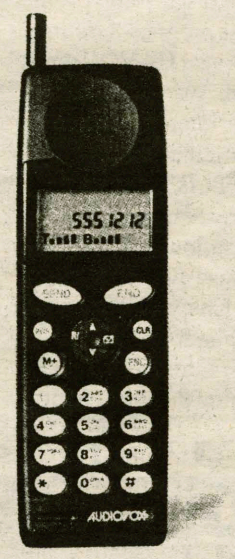

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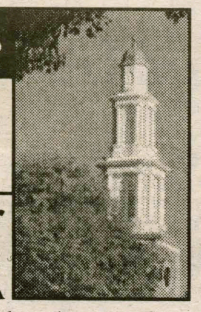

U. Arizona frosh dies after apparent stairwell fall

(U-WIRE) TUCSON, Ariz. — A Manzanita-Mohave resident died early Wednesday morning, more than a week after he was found at the bottom of an outdoor campus staircase with severe injuries.

Brian Scott Balcer, 18, had been in critical condition at University Medical Center since Oct. 17, when he apparently fell from a flight of stairs outside the second floor of the Art building.

"I'm listing cause of death as accidental," said Mike Downing, Pima County medical examiner.

Police were unsure yesterday what led to Balcer's death and were still investigating, University of Arizona police Cmdr. Brian Seastone said. Although the results of his drug screening were unavailable yesterday, Balcer told a UMC employee he had taken acid earlier that day, police reports stated.

Police reports indicated senior Keri Alter found Balcer lying injured under the southwest Art building stairwell at about 12:30 p.m. as she came out of the Drama building.

Tucson Fire Department medics took Balcer to the UMC Trauma Unit, where he was admitted and underwent a CAT scan. UMC medics said Balcer broke his pelvic bone and sustained bruised lungs along with unknown head, thoracic and abdominal injuries.

Berkeley study: Latino population's political,power growing in California

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — The doubling of California's Latino population has resulted in increased political power and influence within the state for the minority group, according to a new UC Berkeley study.

The report, published by UC Berkeley's California Policy Seminar, also predicts that Latinos will comprise one-third of the state's population by the year 2005.

"Latinos are the fastest growing population of the California population," said Joan Lichterman, who edited the report. "How they fair economically and educationally is important to the state as a whole."

This population growth translates into a more effective political voice for Latinos, according to the report.

The portion of the Latino population eligible to vote increased 10.1 percent from 1980 to 1996.

Andres Jimenez, director of the California Policy Seminar, said in a statement that the rise of anti-immigrant policies in the 1990s has ironically driven the Latino population to political empowerment.

The report also stated that once Latinos become citizens and register to vote, they vote at essentially the same rates as whites and at higher rates than other minorities.

The report highlighted the finding that the proportion of Latinos to non-Latinos in California differs from that in the rest of the United States.

"Slightly more than one-third of U.S. Latinos resided in California in 1990," Lichterman said.

Robber sentenced for slaying of U. Penn, biochemist

(U-WIRE) PHILADELPHIA, Penn. — Following a contentious debate about the semantics of the jury's verdict, a judge sentenced Eugene "Sultan" Harrison to seven to 14 years in jail for his role in the 1996 slaying of University biochemist Vladimir Sled and the robbery of a truck driver the same day.

Harrison, 34, one of three people charged with the murder, was convicted in May of two counts of robbery and one count of conspiracy to commit robbery. He was acquitted of all charges directly stemming from the stabbing death of Sled, including murder.

Bridgette Black, 27, who pleaded guilty to actually stabbing Sled, was sentenced in July to five to 12 years in prison. Yvette Stewart, 31, was convicted in May of third-degree murder and two robbery charges. She was sentenced last week to 15 to 30 years in jail.

The 38-year-old Sled and his fiancee, former University researcher Cecilia Hagerhall, were walking along the 4300 block of Larchwood Avenue late Halloween night when Harrison approached them and tried to take Hagerhall's purse.

Sled struggled with him, and Black emerged from the getaway car and stabbed him to death. She has maintained that she meant only to "scare" him, and that she emerged from the car only when she saw that Stewart had a gun, which she later allegedly fired into the air.

WORLD NEWS

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Pinochet has immunity, court rules

LONDON (AP) — The High Court ruled Wednesday that Augusto Pinochet is immune from prosecution in British courts and ordered the British government to pay the former Chilean dictator's legal costs of $560,000.

The court threw out two Spanish arrest warrants, acted upon by British authorities. The warrants sought Pinochet's extradition to face charges of murder, kidnapping and torturing political opponents during his 17-year dictatorship.

In his ruling, Lord Chief Justice Thomas Bingham said it was "of course a matter for acute public concern that those who abuse sovereign power to commit crimes against humanity should not escape trial and appropriate punishment."

In Madrid, lawyers trying to extradite Pinochet to Spain criticized the British court but said they remained hopeful that an appeals court would eventually overturn the ruling.

"We were surprised by the ruling," said Diaz, who argues that international law clearly rules out immunity in cases of crimes against humanity. "We are not talking about a little bit of corruption, but the killing, torture and disappearance of thousands of people."

The Crown Prosecution Service said it will file an urgent appeal on the immunity question Monday, the deadline given by the court.

Deadly hurricane pounds Honduras

LA CEIBA, Honduras (AP) — Hurricane Mitch paused in its whirl through the western Caribbean on Wednesday to punish Honduras with120 mph winds, sweeping away bridges and flooding neighborhoods. At least 32 people were killed.

Mitch was drifting west at only 2 mph over the Bay Islands, a Honduras tourist area popular with American scuba divers and beachcombers.

The storm was only 30 miles off the coast, and hurricane-force winds stretched 105 miles from the storm's center.

"The hurricane has destroyed almost everything," said Mike Brown, a resident of Guanaja Island who was within miles of the eye of the hurricane. "Few houses have remained standing."

The rainfall — up to 25 inches in mountain areas — began to take a toll. More than 50 rivers had overran their banks, and the government evacuated more than 45,000 people from low-lying areas, according to Col. Guillermo Pinel, chief of the National Emergency Committee.

Many towns were cut off by washed-out roads and downed bridges and severed phone lines on the Bay Islands. The government said 72,000 people were forced to flee their homes.

President Carlos Flores Facusse declared the Caribbean coast a disaster zone, and officials said 23 people had died in Honduras alone, including 14 on Guanaja.

ANC denies human rights violations

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission came under attack from both sides of apartheid-era rule Wednesday, on the eve of its long-awaited report into the horrors of its racist past.

The African National Congress said it was going to court to block the commission from naming the party of President Nelson Mandela as a violator of human rights.

Hours earlier, apartheid's last president, F.W. de Klerk, filed a lawsuit forcing the panel to excise a finding that he was an "accessory after the fact" to state-sponsored bombings.

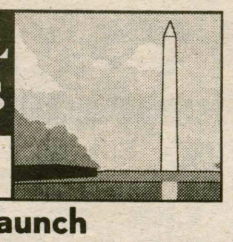
The legal actions showed just how difficult reconciliation was four years after South Africa's first all-race elections ended white minority rule.

Commission officials said they had no immediate plans to cancel the release of the report Thursday, when former Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu is to hand all 3,500 pages over to Mandela during a solemn ceremony in Pretoria, the capital. Tutu is chairman of the commission.

"A pall hangs over most of us because we believe that this process deserved a glorious ending and now we are speculating as to what will happen next," Tutu said.

Created with the ANC's blessing, the panel was charged with promoting reconciliation by laying bare apartheid-era atrocities. It has held hearings around the country for more than two years, listening to both victims and perpetrators.

It has the power to grant amnesty as well as recommend prosecution.



NATIONAL NEWS

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Glenn prepares for space launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The stakes are higher than ever for NASA as it counts down the final hours to John Glenn's heralded return to orbit on Thursday, and the man in charge of spaceflight knows it.

"As a person responsible for this mission, I feel an awesome responsibility and apprehension that everything goes well. This is special," Joe Rothenberg said after having lunch with the 77-year-old Glenn on Wednesday.

NASA has done everything possible to ensure the safety of space shuttle Discovery and its seven-member crew. But the fact that one of them is Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth and a senator for the past 24 years, has upped the ante if anything goes wrong.

"Would it be any different from any mission? Sure,' Rothenberg said. "Because like having a teacher on board, it really has got very high visibility and an awful lot of people would look at it as something happening to an American hero and we were part of the process. There's no question about that."

Glenn was so beloved by America after his 1962 flight, in fact, that President Kennedy reportedly instructed NASA not to fly him again — he didn't want to risk the astronaut's life.

Up to a quarter-million people are expected to converge on the area for a glimpse of the launch. The seven astronauts stood near their launch pad, waving and shouting to relatives and friends kept 20 feet away to prevent the crew from catching a cold.

"He's treating it like a professional, like a fighter pilot getting ready to fly,'' Rothenberg said.

Clinic reopens after killing of doctor

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Doctors from across the country have offered to fill the void left at this city's only abortion clinic following the sniper attack that killed one of its physicians.

GYN Womenservices was scheduled to resume performing abortion today, five days after Dr. Barnett Slepian, 52, was slain by a bullet fired into his home in suburban Amherst.

Doctors nationwide have volunteered to come to Buffalo, said Melinda DuBois, the clinic's executive director. One doctor is being flown in this week.

Slepian's shooting was the fifth sniper attack of an abortion doctor in Canada and upstate New York since 1994, but the first one to prove fatal. No arrests have been made in Friday's attack.

Abortion doctors who arrive in Buffalo will benefit from increased surveillance and protection from authorities, said John P. McCaffrey, U.S. Marshal for the Western District in New York.

"These doctors were concerned for their safety and we'll be making sure they arrive safely, depart safely and nothing happens to them while they are here," he said.

NAF Deputy Director Susan Dudley said most clinics will boost already tight security measures. She wouldn't provide details about what would be done at GYN.

Buffalo police said they will not be stationed at GYN.

"If they want security, they need to hire somebody," said Buffalo Police spokesman Duane Rizzo. "They are a private business, but our officers are on alert."

Macy's unveils parade changes

NEW YORK (AP) — New lampposts will be installed along the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade route to prevent an accident like last year when a wayward balloon knocked part of a lamppost onto a spectator.

A 34-year-old woman suffered a fractured skull and was in a coma for almost a month after a wind-swept Cat in the Hat balloon knocked down a lamppost in 1997. She has sued Macy's and the city for $395 million.

The new T-shaped lampposts will not extend into the street, and their $1 million costs will be split by Macy's and the city, Macy's spokesman Tim Ray said Wednesday.

As a further precaution, balloons can be no larger than 70 feet high or 70 feet long, and the biggest balloons will have more handlers.

Several balloons will no longer be seen, while new ones are slated to take their place.

Among the balloons retired are the Cat in the Hat, Bugs Bunny and the Pink Panther. New balloons include Babe, based on the pig from the children's film, and a character based on the hairy creatures of Maurice Sendak's children's book, "Where the Wild Things Are."

SECURITY blotter

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

1:11 a.m. Disorderly conduct in Dunham.
1:48 p.m. Fire alarm malfunction in Babbitt.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

Midnight Vandalism of construction equipment near Bristol.
2:30 p.m. Medical emergency on the intramural field.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

12:55 a.m. Medical emergency in Bristol Campus Center.
1:20 a.m. Medical emergency in Dunham.
4:25 p.m. Unsecured door at the Little Pub.
9:46 p.m. Smoke detector sets off a fire alarm in the Griffin Road apartments.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

— No Incidents Reported —

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

11:23 a.m. False fire alarm in Dunham.
10:33 p.m. Trouble with a fire alarm in Major Hall.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

2:40 a.m. Concern for welfare in Dunham.

Bond to improve NAACP effectiveness

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should be "advancement, to make sure we have progress, forward progress. We must keep going because things are getting better."

Dealing with the concerns of many college students and potential students, Bond supports legislation to create diversity on college campuses, stating "we can't count on people acting out of the goodness of their heart. There must be some punishment."

Responding to legislation like that of Proposition 209 in California that ended preferential treatment for minorities in University of California admissions, Bond stated these laws are "horrendous. It is the devastation of a professional class."

Bond believes that instead of civil rights activists offering some other way to bring about equality, those that oppose affirmative action should be the ones offering alternatives. "I would like them to tell me what we should do instead."

Referring to recent hate crimes, Bond voiced the need for more legislation to bring about equality.

I absolutely believe that legislation can help deal with hate crimes," he said.

"These are not run of the mill crimes, they are worthy of special attention," he said, in response to those who believe hate crimes don't deserve special sanctions.

Much of Bond's support for hate crime legislation stems from his faith in the benefits and potential of affirmative action. He draws a clear distinction between the actual success of affirmative action and its failure to solve problems with which it was not intended to deal.

"Affirmative action's purpose was to level the playing field and give opportunities to those who previously did not have those opportunities, and it has served that purpose tremendously," Bond said.

"We must never substitute class based affirmative action for race based affirmative action," he said. "I agree that there ought to be affirmative action for economics, but that is not what the original legislation was intended for."

Despite the many headlines proclaiming the approaching end of affirmative action, along with legislation on the ballots to end it in some states, Bond stated "the battle to preserve affirmative action is being won, not lost."

"There is no profit in receiving right treatment," he said, in response to the criticism that affirmative action gives undue benefit to minorities. "Affirmative action is not about preferred treatment for blacks, but removing preference for whites. After 350 years of slavery, I don't think 30 years of affirmative action is too much to ask."

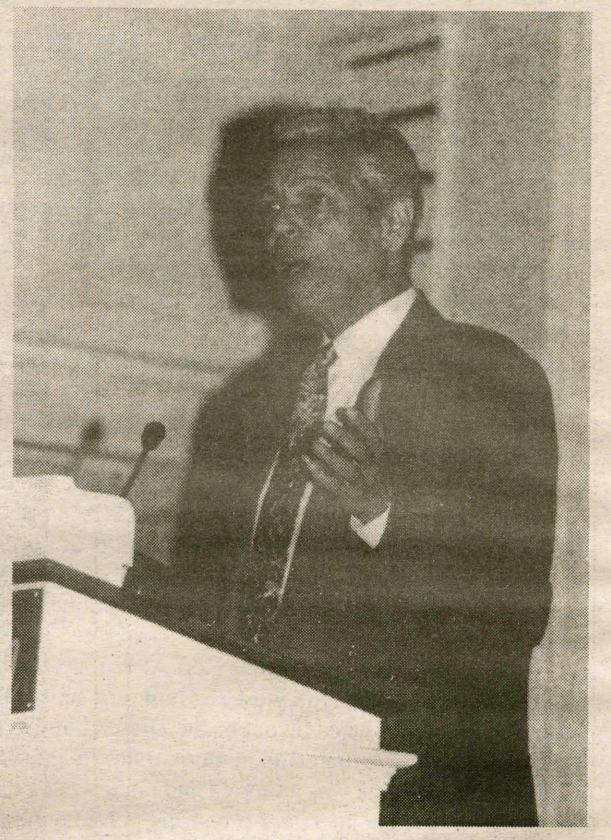
As Chairman of the NAACP, Bond is focusing on the same issues that have always been at the forefront of the civil rights movement.

He sees programs like the one which spent $70,000 in Washington State to prevent an anti affirmative action bill from passing as the key to equality in the future.

"I don't envision much that is new, we are fighting an enemy that is as old as America," he said. "We must fight discrimination wherever it raises its ugly head. I want to put us [NAACP] back at the forefront of the Civil Rights movement. We are no longer the only player, and we welcome the proliferation of other groups that deal with civil rights issues."

Bond plans to focus the NAACP to make it once again the premier civil rights group. He doesn't plan to run for political office again.

"I have been there and done that," he said.



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Julian Bond speaks in the Chapel last Friday about the importance of continued progress for civil rights.

Quindlen lecture on humanizing health care impresses audience

Pullitzer Prize-winning journalist packs the Chapel Wednesday to discuss the future of health care

by Cristen Sargent '01
NEWS EDITOR

Former *New York Times* columnist and author of the best-seeling novel *One True Thing* Anna Quindlen gave the Tolles lecture Wednesday afternoon in the Chapel.

"She talked about *humans* in health care, how people, when seen by physicians, are looking for that human touch," said Alysia Mikhalos '01.

Her lecture, "The Human Agenda in Health Care," addressed concerns that many Americans have when it comes to their health care, including the sensitivity of doctors toward the individual.

"She was talking about the search for the human connection, and I thought that had a lot to do with Hamilton College," said Ivy Rollins '01. "When you walk across the bridge and people don't look at you, it kind of takes away your humanity, so her message applies here as well."

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Writer Anna Quindlen signs copies of her books in the Hub.

"Another good point she made was how physicians sometimes look down on nurses because they think they are less trained than themselves, but people often go to nurses and nurse practitioners because they want to be treated as humans and not as cases," said Mikhalos. "She touched on every single goal that I have as a future physician, because these are all things that I think are so important."

Quindlen has written three best-selling novels: *Object Lessons*, *One True Thing* and her most recent, *Black and Blue*. *One True Thing* was recently made into a movie starring Meryl Streep, which is playing now.

Quindlen won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary in 1992, and was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Arts and Sciences. She holds honorary degrees from Dartmouth College, Denison University, Moravian College and Smith College.

In response to a question about her new book *Black and Blue*, Quindlen said, "I wrote this book because I wanted to address the issue of women's humanity. The clothes are representative of the relationships a woman holds. When she figuratively strips off all her clothes, what is left?"

Most people in attendance were struck by Quindlen's warmth and obvious concern for others.

"She was very funny and looked like she'd be your average neighbor, someone you could easily talk to," said Danielle Hoagland '00.

"I like the fact that she took the time to say hi to everyone at the booksigning," said Rollins. "Not only did she talk about being a human, she is a human. She didn't just sign the book, she held a real conversation with everyone."

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Calendar

LECTURES

On Friday Oct. 30 at 3 p.m. Dean Wilcox of the Department of Chemistry at Dartmouth College will give a lecture entitled "Coordination Chemistry of Zinc Fingers." This event is scheduled for Room 112 in Saunders Hall of Chemistry and is sponsored by the Chemistry Department.

On Monday Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Susan Love, an author, teacher, surgeon, researcher and activist, will present a lecture on breast cancer awareness in the Chapel. This event is sposored by the Kirkland Project.

On Wednesday Nov. 4 the English Department will sponsor a poetry reading with Gray Jacobik. The reading will begin at 8 p.m. in the Events Barn.

FILM

The Foreign and Fine Film Society will present *Heavenly Creatures* on Friday Oct. 30 and Sunday Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday Oct. 31 at 10 p.m. in KJ Auditorium.

The Hamilton Classic Film Society will present *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* on Friday Oct. 30 at 10 p.m., Saturday Oct. 31 at 7 p.m., and Sunday Nov. 1 at 4 p.m. in KJ Auditorium.

ARTS

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The Department of Romance Languages will sponsor le Roman de Silence on Tuesday Nov. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Events Barn. Early musicians John Fleagle and Shira Kammen will play and sing medieval songs as they narrate this intriguing thirteenth century romance about a girl cross-dressed as a Knight to preserve her birth right.

Emerson Gallery will sponsor "Terry Adkins: Later Coltrane Reception" in the Gallery on Thursday Nov. 5 at 5 p.m. Sculptor Terry Adkins has created a new body of work for this exhibition, exploring the theme of the music and thought of jazz musician John Coltrane in his later years.

CHECKITOUT

Paranormal expert Peter Jordan will present a lecture entitled "On Ghosts" on Friday Oct. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. Jordan, a vetern field investigator for the famed Psychical Research Foundation, chronicles his amazing findings in this mind-bending presentation with slides and videos culled from hundreds of personal files. This event is sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.

The Rainbow Alliance will sponsor a "Gay Alumni Panel Discussion" in Dwight Lounge on Saturday Oct. 31 at 2 p.m.

Fireside Chat Series: Prof. Bernard Comeau will lead a discussion on the place of religious experience in a world shaped by the scientific method on Thursday Nov. 5 at 12 p.m in the Beinecke Fireplace Lounge. Everyone is invited. Bag lunches will be provided if you RSVP to x4130 or email jmcarn.

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Non-profit career fair offers unique opportunites for fulfilling jobs

by Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES EDITOR

On Tuesday, November 10, the Maurice Horowitch Career Center in conjunction with Colgate's carrer center is sponsoring a non-profit Career Fair in the Filius Events Barn at 6:30 pm. The Fair is designed to give students an opportunity to talk with representatives from various non-profit organizations so that they can explore some less well-known career options, and decide if those options would work for them. For students who are serious about pursuing opportunities with a particular organization, a few representatives will be offering on campus interviews in the afternoon of November 10. Organizations offering interviews are the Peace Corps, The Student Conservation Association, the Key Program, and City Year. Students with a serious interest in interviewing with any of those representatives should contact the Career Center at x4346 for scheduling purposes.

Aside from the organizations named above, a few other participants include Planned Parenthood, Teach for America, Green Corps and Americorps. David Bell of Colgate's career center, has found that many students at Colgate feel that "Career Services is just a place for students interested in business." Bell remarked that there is some justification for this belief. "Both Hamilton and Colgate have active On-campus recruiting, but they both reflect a narrow segment of society-corporate America."

The non-profit career fair can give students who are interested in pursuing a field that, in Bell's words, "more easily lets them act upon and express their certain values and beliefs and supports what is most important to them in their lives". Bell suggested some questions that students might want to ask the representatives. First, he suggests that students do not attempt to submit resumes during the fair. Rather, they should set up a time at a later date when they could make contact about possible positions.

Some valuable information for them to obtain about the organizations includes discovering their missions and philosophies. Believing in the cause of the non-profit is important. Bell also advises students to inquire about which specific positions within the organization may fit best with their interests and abilities. Another question he recommened asking was, "What are your current greatest challenges?" The answer to this question could help you when applying for a job if you offer solutions to those challenges somewhere in the application process.

The Non-profit Career Fair is a great opportunity for all students to discover whether any non-profit organization has a place that is perfectly suited to them. Bell suggests that some students may be dissuaded from investigating these opportunities because of a belief that they do not pay well. He says that actually most non-profit organization CEO's earn well over $100,000 a year. The notion that organizations, which do socially responsible work and do not claim profits for their shareholders do not pay their employees well is actually a myth. The salaries in the non-profit field are competitive with those in the business world. In addition, those who choose to work for non-profit firms know that each day they go to work they will accomplish something for a cause which they wholeheartedly believe is worthwhile.

HEAG seeks changes in college investments

by Bonnie Erwin '00
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

Ever heard of Socially Responsible Investment? Well, for the most part, members of the Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) who attended a conference on that topic at Cornell University this past Saturday, had not either. Sure, we had some vague notions about saving the world by getting colleges to divest from corporations that employ six-year-old children for three cents an hour, while dumping millions of gallons of radioactive waste into every surrounding river, but that was about it.

Fortunately, HEAG's intrtepid crusaders (specifically, Jeff Evans, Courtney Jones, Andy Hutcheson, Dan Fillius, Liz Evans and Bonnie Erwin)came away from the conference greatly enlightened. Now you, our fellowHamiltonians, can share in this wealth of knowledge.

Back to the original question: what is Socially Responsible Investment? Basically, it comes down to investing your money not just in the corporations which will yield the highest returns, but in corporations which are "Nice." The definition of "Nice" varies according to your personal priorities, but it can include respect for the environment, good community and employee relations, philanthropy, fair hiring and respect for human rights. While it's fairly easy to screen investment portfolios for these sorts of concerns, we learned that it is much harder to get schools to alter the investment portfolios they have been using for years. Generally, colleges and universities tend to invest in some rather terrible companies (some are seemingly harmless corporations like Shell, which, as Andy learned in one workshop, has been "cooperating with military dictatorships to extract the mineral resources from Nigeria").

We were inspired by accounts of student campaigns for divestment at other schools. For example, students from the University of Vermont spoke about their crusade to get the school to divest from Alliant Technologies and Lockheed-Martin,which participate in the production of landmines. However, as Courtney pointed out, "a successful divestment campaign does not always mean that the actual divestment takes place." That was a frustrating revelation for all of us, especially since private institutions like Hamilton are not obligated to tell their students which corporations they invest in.

Despite the discouraging thought that we could never carry off a successful campaign for Socially Responsible Investment at Hamilton, the SRI conference was a worthwhile experience. At the very least, our eyes have been opened to the factors we'll have to consider when making investments ourselves in the future.

CAB attends regional NACA programming conference

PRESS RELEASE

The Campus Activities Board Executive Board attended the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA) conference in Syracuse this past weekend. The annual conference allows programming boards to view various artists (comedians, bands, acoustic performers and novelty acts), enhance their programming skills, and exchange ideas with other schools.

CAB received two awards at the conference. In the Outstanding Web Site Award competition, CAB took third place for its site — created and maintained by Corey Landstrom, Program Coordinator of Student Activities. The second award for Outstanding Student Leader went to Co-Chair Phil Skalski '99.

Conferences such as this one are invaluable as they provide CAB with the opportunity to preview and book performers who they believe would be well received by the campus. The conference also held educational value for the Executive Board with several educational sessions on diverse topics ranging everywhere from time management to the refinement of leadership skills.

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Occasional Ramblings

Organizing the wild

by Riley Fenner '00
FEATURES EDITOR

I have recently been reading a book entitled *The Spell of the Sensuous*, by David Abrams, which discusses the distance at which western civilization has placed itself from the natural world. Here at Hamilton, we might all be considered a bit distant from nature, if only due to the fact that a large percentage of our day must be spent inside in class, reading books, and checking e-mail messages on computer screens. Our whole community might benefit from a nature reacquaintance requirement, similar to the highly popular physical education requirement. This new addition to the curriculum would of course have to provide numerous options to choose from for its fulfillment, to incorporate everyone from the most seasoned mountain man to the person who spends their entire four years at Hamilton without ever walking on anything but asphalt and Martin's Way.

There would be many obvious instructional areas that could bring students closer to nature, such as tree climbing, the high ropes course, hiking, bird-watching, and week-long survival camping trips in Root Glen. However, the program would also have to accommodate less mundane forms of naturalism. For example, there could be an outdoor course entitled "Meals on Moss," which would teach students how to find food in the wild. The only foreseeable problem with this course is that the Glen could become a close, tasty and very viable alternative to Bon Appetit dinners.

Students with an academic interest in the arts could create sculptures out of all natural materials with which to decorate the sides of the forest trails. "Hey, look, I made a sculpture of a computer, and there's an e-mail on the screen addressed to me! Everything looks good except for the '@!'"

"I think this bust that I made of Homer Simpson looks cooler, man."

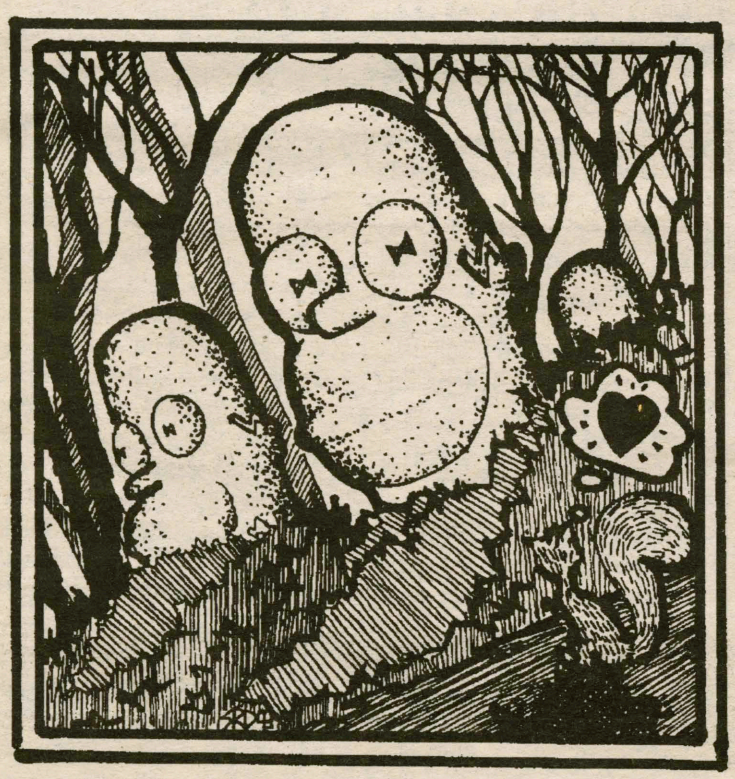
"Who cares which one looks better? Whatever you make, it's a great way to get in touch with nature!"

Biology students, on the other hand, might prefer to get even closer to nature by learning the practice of wild animal husbandry. "You see here the results of my project, the mating of a red squirrel with a wild dog."

"That squirrel looks like it's dead, and I'm afraid that dog is mine. You won't be getting any credit for this course."

"Sir, I have a question. I wasn't able to get my red squirrel to mate with any actual animals, but he did attempt to mate with this bust of Homer Simpson, and it seems to have accentuated his baldness. Do you think I could still get credit?"

Government majors could become involved in a forest management program. This program could work to supervise the building of more trails through the woods, shelters for students to stay in while visiting the Glen, a Glen safety patrol, zones in the forest where businesses could provide goods and services, and schools where forest residents could take courses once the newly organized Glen became just another area to live on campus. Then again, this sounds a lot like what we've done with most of the forests in our nation, which is the reason why we don't know very much about nature anymore. You don't need any sort of organization to explore the natural world, and in fact, the less of that kind of thing you bring with you to the woods the better.



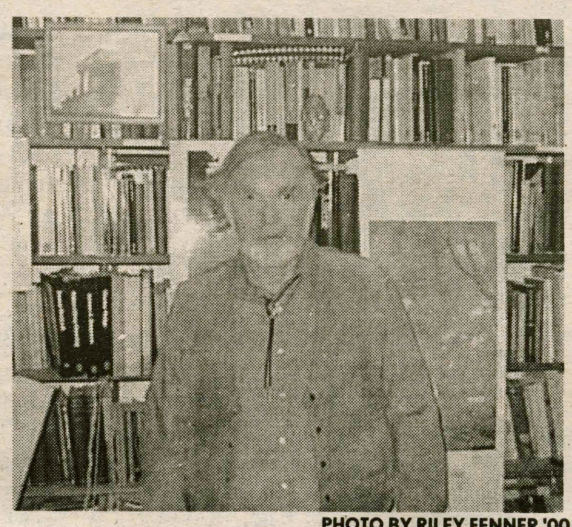
FACES IN THE CROWD

Professor Jay Williams

by Amy Kopriva '02
FEATURES WRITER

Thirty-eight years is a long time: just ask Professor Jay Williams. Professor Williams, the Walcott-Barlett Professor of Religious Studies, is the longest standing professor at Hamilton. Williams's legendary reign over the education of generations of students began in the fall of 1960.

Williams still chuckles at the circumstances under which he received his job. He commented, " I came to visit my mother in Rome, NY, and went back to see Hamilton and to visit some of my professors. The school was looking for a professor of Religious Studies, and I heard that they had already offered the job to someone. Next thing I knew was that the man had turned them down, and they hired me for a job for which I never applied. I didn't even have an interview. Originally, they hired me to teach for only two years."



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Professor Jay Williams.

Even back in 1960 Williams was familiar with the Hamilton tradition, for he was an undergraduate until 1954. He went on to graduate school, and then began his professional career on the Hill. Williams's lengthy stay on campus has awarded him the privilege of witnessing the evolution of the community both on the Hill and off.

According to Williams, the school environment at Hamilton today is "entirely different. When I was here, there were just 1000 males. There were no women within earshot. It is interesting that there are fewer men here now than when I was a student. Also, education then was much more classical, in that there was a very limited curriculum. I think this was a tremendous weakness, but also a strength. The curriculum was largely limited to the Western European viewpoint. We learned all the big names in every field, and what were then regarded as the major themes of every field." In addition to differences in the academic aspects of the school, the climate of the community has also attained a new face with the passing of nearly four decades.

He commented, "In a sense, Hamilton had hard-nosed and demanding courses. In one of my English literature classes, the professor closed and locked the door on the hour. That was it, it was like saying, "You're late, go away, we are not interested." If that happened to you three times, it was all over. I had sweaty palms most of the semester." Williams believes that these concerns were not figments of his imagination. He recalls, "I was thoroughly intimidated, because it just wasn't as personal as it is today. The faculties were aloof by intention".

Williams believes that many of the campus changes were affirmative and beneficial, which he explained in regards to the close-knit and warm community he believes now exists, "I think that the personal relationships between students and faculty that are possible now is the school's strongest asset. The faculty are more accessible and more concerned about the students now."

Williams supports the freedom that current students have in terms of virtually creating their own curriculum, and he also recognizes the value of the close relationships present today between faculty and students. Yet he yearns for a balance. He explained,"It is hard for me to be as hard-nosed about grades as my professors were, because I like my students so much and want them to do well. I also lament the fact that you can't be sure what students know when they graduate. We have lost a sense of the great works of art and philosophy. For example, how is it possible that an English major today is able to graduate without ever having read Robert Browning?"

But don't begin to think that Williams lacks faith in the Hamilton curriculum or the endurance of tradition and principles. He clarifies, "Essentially, we stand for the same basic ideals of a liberal arts education." Additionally, Williams does not believe that this problem is one that Hamilton alone faces and even believes that these changes have benefits. He continued,"This problem is not limited to our college. It is a weakness of American education in general." Is it really a problem? Williams explained the complexity, even ambiguity, of his opinion when he said, "Every strength has its weakness, and every weakness has its strength."

Williams,who is currently teaching three sections of an introductory Religious Studies class, Origins, as well as a new class called Seminar on Gandhi, believes that the material he studies and teaches integrates the most important issues of today. He explains, "We discuss some of the most interesting and perplexing problems that humans face." Also, perhaps because of the material's timeless appeal, Williams asserts that despite the length and depth of his study on these issues, he never tires of it. He explains, "I choose books that get at these mysteries [of life]. I want something that raises important questions that people will think about. Books allow you to find new ways to talk about old problems." Although he is very serious about the material he teaches, his approach to reaching students is very causal and is very unpresumptous. Matter-of-factly, with his characteristic smirk, he comments, " What do I do in the classroom? I am myself. I am not into fads. I love the material that I study, and I want to communicate that love to my students. How do I do that? We just talk about books. I try to pique curiosity and get them interested. Ultimately, Williams admits that it is his students, and not only the material, that keep him interested in his subject. He simply would not have been here so long if he didn't feel a connection to his students or feel like he was contributing to the community.

He clarifies,"What has Hamilton given me in my career here? A paycheck every month. It is the fact that it is a great place to live and work that has kept me here. I have given my soul to this school; being here is what I have spent all of my time doing. Whether or not it has been worthwhile, well, that is up to the students to decide. But I do work hard at it anyway.

Williams believes strongly in the necessity of a give and take relationship with his students. He expects a lot from them, and believes that they have the right to expect a lot from him. Do his students measure up to his high standards?
Yes and no. He explains, " Most of my students are pretty bright, and very agreeable. I like 99% of them. But I do think that they could work harder. They should have to push to succeed."

William's passions, although dominated by his devotion to Hamilton, continue to extend beyond the confines of campus. He is certainly not a one-dimensional character, and he is committed to far more than solely academic endeavors. He describes himself as, "An avid basketball and hockey fan and a fitness center freak." His spiritual and religious inclinations lead him to volunteer at the Hope House in Utica, and his passion for tradition has led him to be involved in the Clinton Historical Society.

Williams is confident of his known presence on campus, as shown by his response to whether or not Hamilton needs to know anything more about him. He replied with a smirk, "Nope. Everybody knows who I am anyway."

Zen Master makes students think

by Lou Insel '01
FEATURES WRITER

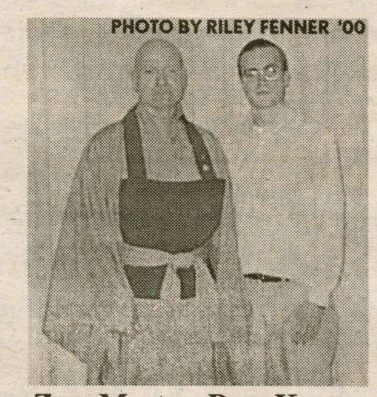
Speaking to a full house in the Chapel on Tuesday night, Zen Master Dae Kwang had three words to sum up how to live life:" Just do it". Those three words, according to Dae Kwang, hold the secret to enlightenment and ultimate happiness. Pretty vague stuff and a definite sign of the discussion to come, as the Zen Master took questions from an interested, eclectic group of listeners.

Dae Kwang, a native of Nebraska and fully recognized enlightened Zen Master, offered a number of cryptic answers to many difficult questions. To his credit he had an answer to everything, no matter how seemingly tough the question was. He obviously had learned from the other monks well, and up in front of an often utterly bewildered crowd Kwang rattled off answers with the zeal of a devotee.

Students and Professors alike posed any number of nearly impossible questions to answer. "What is emptiness? Should I attain it?," one student ventured, only to be told, "Forget emptiness." The Master, often appearing intentionally vague, did give exasperatingly straight answers to some questions.

"Have you found enlightenment?" queried one person "Yes" responded the Master, with no further elaboration.

The conversation often seemed a little one sided, with someone posing a question and recieving a rather long answer. Some of these answers were profound, though, and some may even have been right on. One of the Master's central points was to "Just do it." The Master, with much needed levity for these heady proceedings whimsically smiled at his pronouncement and declared that Nike had found the meaning of existence. He wasn't really joking, either, for in fact this phrase was integral to his discussion on life. The Master was concerned greatly with our inability to "hit the clear



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Zen Master Dae Kwang and Brooks Jessup '99.

button" on our minds. We more often than not are unable just to "do" something with our entire self because of a constant running commentary in our heads. If we could clear this babble, than we really could just do it, just live, just exist, and this in turn would release our compassionate selves.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

On this point the Master incited the most conflict. His position seemed to be that all men are innately good, but their minds are at different points of cloudiness. So Hitler, for instance, just had a really, really, really clouded mind. Hard to swallow, but definitely worth the taste it produces. For a moment or two, one could imagine a happy-go-lucky world of such benign souls as Dae Kwang, but inevitably the dream world collapes back to reality. This may stem from a lack of enlightenment, or it may be true knowledge of the way of the world.

Master Dae Kwang learned Zen under the supervision of Seung Sahn, an Abbot of the International Kwan Um School of Zen. The Kwan Um school, founded by Seung Sahn, was the first school of Zen Buddhist thought to be taught to initiates in the West. The group is a large one, with more than sixty centers,of those Dae Kwang has taught at three.Currently Dae Kwang is the guiding teacher at the Providence Zen center, the main temple of the school.

The event was organized by the Hamilton Sitting Group, an interdenominational group of students who meditate every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:15p.m. on the fourth floor of Root Hall. A representative of the group, Brooks Jessup '99, gave a presentation covering the main topics covered in Zen begin the question and answer session. Through his efforts and those of the entire Sitting Group, Master Dae Kwang was able to speak his mind at the Chapel. Whether his mind is really as clear as he says, only Dae Kwang can know, but one thing is certain, his answers certainly weren't clear. Enigmatic as his responses might have been, his ideas and conviction were worth the time spent listening to them.

CTY broadens horizons

by Jon Fiedler '02
FEATURES WRITER

Over the past five years more than a thousand young people have studied at Hamilton, yet many of them are unknown to College faculty and students. These young people are participants in the Center for Talented Youth Summer Program (CTY). CTY is an academic summer camp offered by John Hopkins University for students completing grades seven and above. Each year it brings approximately 300 students to study on the Hill.

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Over a thousand young people have studied in the CTY program at Hamilton over the past five years.

Students qualify to attend CTY by scoring in the top one-half percent of all students their age on the SAT. "To work with kids at that intellectual level was amazing," said Rebeckah Iseman '01, who had an opportunity to work with CTY this past summer.

The academic program for the students is intense. They spend six to seven hours in class and are required to complete homework. During each session, students choose one area of study to pursue intensively for over ninety classroom hours. Most classes consist of an instructor, teaching assistant, and fourteen students, allowing for a large amount of personal attention. Courses offered by CTY at Hamilton include: Astronomy, Paleobiology, Probability and Game Theory, Physical Anthropology, Fast-Paced Chemistry, Introduction to American Studies: Race and Class, The Physics of Newton, Darwin, and Einstein and several writing classes.

The emphasis is not placed on individual student achievement. The central philosophy to the academic program is optimal match, as Yao Odamtten '97, who also worked with CTY, described it. "The philosophy dictates that students move as a pack, but pace themselves," said Odamtten. "When a group of students and I worked together, we were able to solve problems."

A warped image exists for CTY students that Odamtten wished to clear up: They are not geeks. "While in class they may act like they're nineteen, they still play like typical twelve year olds... they want to play ultimate Frisbee and chase the boys," concurs Iseman. And while the kids clearly adopted different personas in and outside of classes, the staff members used words like "resadamic" and "acadential" in an effort to blur the distinction.

Odamtten and Iseman said their job most closely resembles the role of a Resident Advisor because they lived with the students. They also planned social activities for fun outside of the classroom. However, in practice, the job involved much more. Both were required to spend three hours a week in class to get a sense of their advisees academic as well as social development.

Each lived with twelve students with whom they formed relationships and bonds. "They became our kids," said Iseman. While Odamtten agreed, he stressed, "The distinction between superior and underling vanished quickly."

"They realized quickly that they were our friends," Iseman noted. Odamtten mentioned that he became so attached that he did not want the first group to leave. "It did not seem possible to become so attached to the kids in only three weeks, but one day is one week at CTY."

When asked what they felt the kids took away from the CTY experience, Odamtten and Iseman had different answers. Odamtten stressed the importance of CTY on the students' overall growth: "They leave here with a better sense of themselves, knowing they can be anything they want to be."

Iseman cited the importance of the advisors to open the kids up to working and living closely with people older than them. Regardless, they agree the experience is extremely beneficial for all involved. The experience sounds to have been equally rewarding for both kids and staff, and can lead to a more accepting view of others.

Note: Summer employment at the Institute's sites as a teaching or resident assistant, administrator or instructor is perennially listed in the *Princeton Review's* list of *Top 100 Internships in America*. Of the over 1,200 staff members who work for the Institute over the summer, approximately 100 of them work at Hamilton. Faculty or students who are interested in working for the Institute at Hamilton or another site next summer should call (410) 516-0053 or consult their web page at www.jhu.edu/gifted/acadprog/jobs.html.

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by Bill Watterson

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I'LL CALL THE POLICE!
WHERE'S HOBBES?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING! LOOK AT THIS ROOM!
HOBBES! OH, I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT HIM HERE!
MOM, I CAN'T FIND HOBBES! HELP ME FIND HIM! WHAT IF... WHAT IF THEY...
IT'S OK, CALVIN. CALM DOWN. I'M SURE HOBBES IS HERE SOMEWHERE.
I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD STEAL A STUFFED TIGER. C'MON, LET'S GO LOOK.
BUT HOBBES IS SO TRUSTING.
SNIFF
5-16
THE POLICE SAY THEY'LL SEND SOMEONE OVER. HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT WHAT ALL IS MISSING?
NO, WE'RE LOOKING FOR HOBBES. CALVIN'S ALMOST HYSTERICAL.
I FEEL A LITTLE HYSTERICAL MYSELF.
OOH-I HOPE THE POLICE GET HERE QUICK. I'M SCARED.
5-17
THIS IS ONE OF THOSE THINGS YOU ALWAYS FIGURE WILL HAPPEN TO SOMEONE ELSE.
...UNFORTUNATELY, WE'RE ALL "SOMEONE ELSE" TO SOMEONE ELSE.
HOBBES? HOBBES? WHERE ARE YOU??
I TOLD MOM AND DAD WE LEFT HOBBES BEHIND.... I TRIED TO GET THEM TO TURN AROUND AND COME BACK.... AND NOW LOOK, HOBBES WAS ALL ALONE WHEN OUR HOUSE WAS BROKEN INTO!
MOM SAYS HOBBES WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN STOLEN BECAUSE HE'S NOT VALUABLE.
...(SNIFF) WELL, I THINK HE'S VALUABLE.
5-18

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Campus Crossword

ELEVATING by Bob Lubbers
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS
1 Old hat
6 Singer Brooks
11 Health resort
14 Ski resort
15 Hawaiian "hi"
16 Tic-__-toe
17 Stylish home feature
20 Take on
21 Architect, e.g.
22 Mr. Onassis
23 "__ was saying . . ."
24 Prepares flour
28 Attack
30 Docile
34 __ five (rest)
35 Numero __
37 Kin
39 Thicke film of '92
41 Belgian capital
43 Mess up
44 Homer's kid
45 Regimen
47 Global specks
51 Sociologist Hite
53 __ Khan
55 Model Carol
56 Copy
60 __-European
61 Path to success
65 Vast vessel
66 Oven gadget
67 Reagan appointee
68 Sound of disapproval
69 Double curves
70 Roles

DOWN
1 Titled Turks
2 Seek, with "after"
3 Morale
4 Dry
5 *Bambi* aunt
6 Like Victorian houses
7 Canadian prov.
8 Colorful horse
9 Wispy
10 Rabbit relatives
11 RR depot
12 __ de deux
13 High card
18 '60s records
19 Beasts, so to speak
23 Baxter and Rice
25 Not swarthy
26 Ring win: Abbr.
27 DC VIP
29 Exceed
31 Got up
32 *A Few Good* __
33 Threat ender
36 Newspaper page
38 Lofty lobbies
39 Certain
40 1051, to Caesar
41 Kid's ammo
42 Stadium sound
46 Spuds
48 Plane, at trip's end
49 Firstborn
50 Stashes
52 Overact
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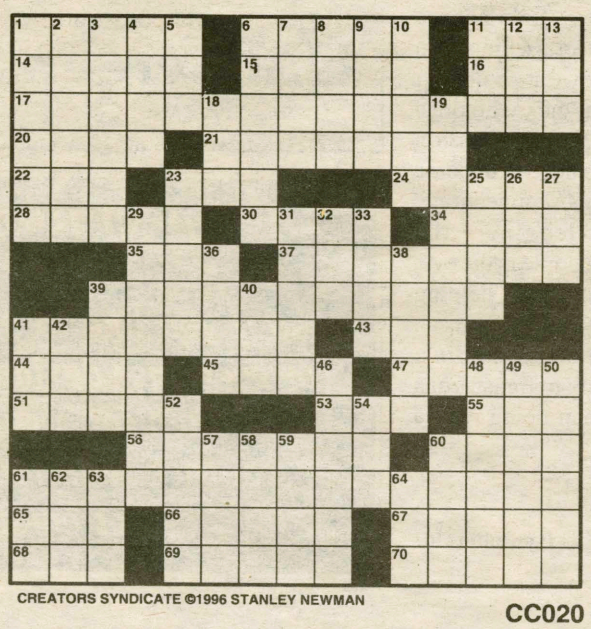
57 Eye part
58 Flat hats
59 Suit to __
60 Brainstorm
61 Urban transport
62 Spanish gold
63 *King Kong* studio
64 Elec. unit



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- Josh Cooper '00

Personals

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luv, Po' Baby

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EDITORIAL

Beating the winter blues

As the last of the leaves flutter to the ground and the skies grow increasingly darker, one might notice that Hamiltonians become even more pessimistic and critical than usual. Perhaps this is due in part to the culmination of the semester (i.e. lots work on major projects), but more likely than not it is also a product of the dismal up-state New York weather.

Whatever the cause, we at The Spectator are already feeling this pessimism bug. There are many cosmetic changes that could be made to improve the overall quality of life on the Hill. Some of these changes could even potentially brighten up those dark days of winter.

For example, the lighting on this campus leaves much to be desired. Unless your power strips are over-loaded with plugs, and endless cords leading to halogen lamps scattered around your room, dorm rooms are more like dungeons than the quaint "residence halls" portrayed in the viewbooks. Even the library has poor lighting. Several fluorescent bulbs smattered across a ceiling over twenty feet above simply cannot provide adequate light for reading. Then there is the outdoor lighting -- or the lack thereof. To some this is a safety issue. To others it is a matter of pure convenience. There are many locations on campus, such as the path from Bristol to South, that are poorly lit and poorly maintained. It is only a matter of time before someone gets hurt stumbling around in the dark.

Another example of possible improvement for the campus is the renovation of the twin towers of filth, Kirkland and North. These two "residence halls" are a disgrace to the College. The triples and quads were originally meant to be doubles and triples, respectively. With the housing crunch, this may not be a possibility, but the dorms could definitely be made more livable. The introduction of expanded laundry facilites, large, bright, comfortable lounges, and proper ventilation in the decrepit bathrooms would be a welcome start.

And while we're complaining, we might as well cover Commons. Yes, it's much larger, and to some degree, "nicer," but the service has suffered. While the seating capacity has increased, the food service has lagged behind. Besides long lines students now face shortages of the bare necessities: cups, coffee, milk, orange juice, and even dessert run out constantly. Perhaps Commons needs extra staff to handle the increased capacity?

These are just some simple solutions to make the campus a little more comfortable for the people that live and work here. During the cold, dark winter it is easy to become disenchanted with one's surroundings. Simple improvements in the appearance of the campus could, potentially, brighten spirits and make the campus a nicer place to live, and make students and staff happier.

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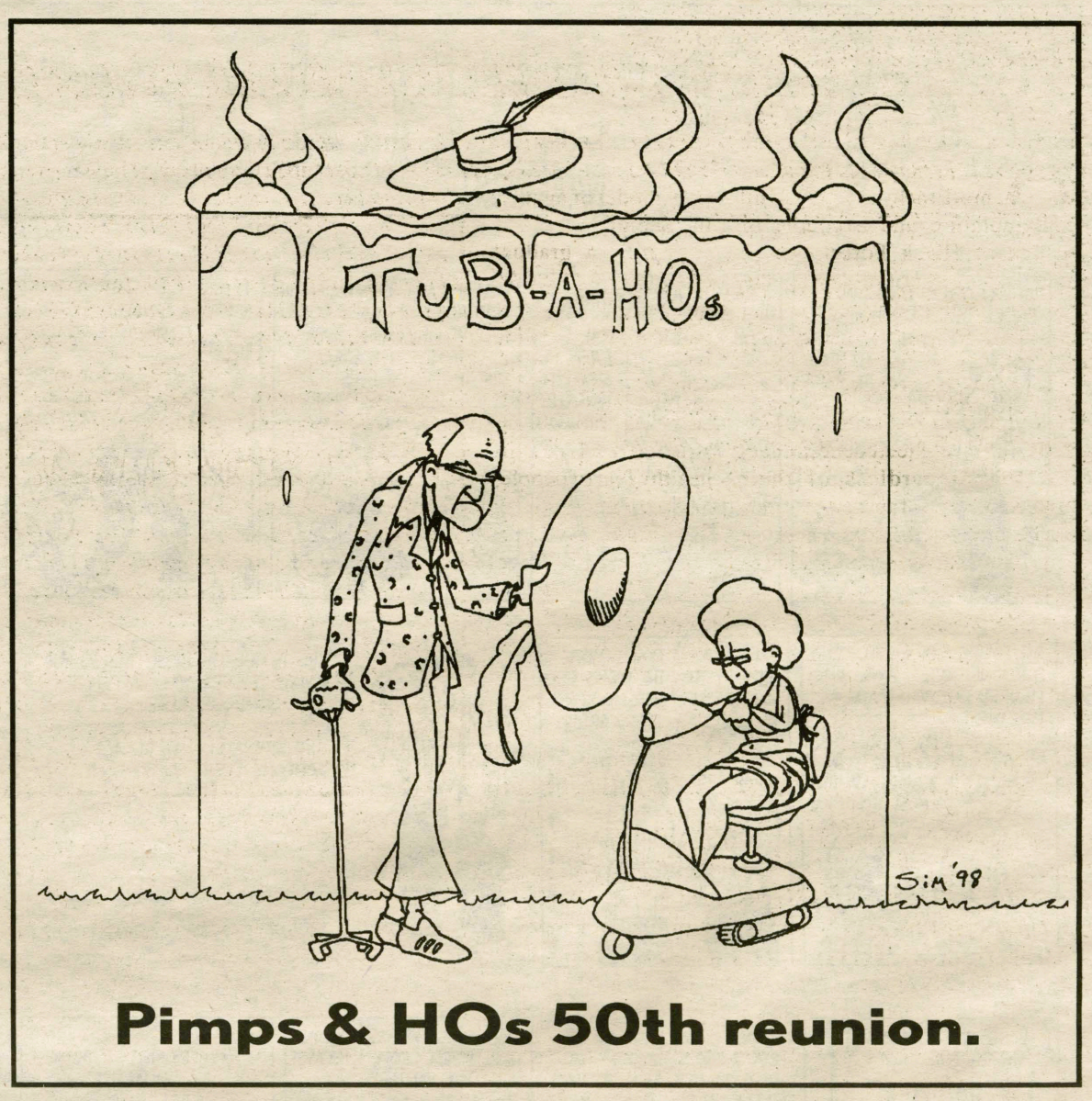


Pimps & HOs 50th reunion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A call for fellow students to become one another's "human connection"

To the editor:

Anna Quindlen mentioned the "incredible thirst for human connection" during her lecture last Wednesday. While her main topic was healthcare, she managed to touch upon an epidemic that exists here at Hamilton.

At Hamilton many of us are suffering from a lack of connection and validation of our spirit and personhood. It is highly probable that we can all recall walking across campus with another traveler passing in the other direction.

What happens when we avoid eye-contact or do not ackowledge their presence with something as simple as a hello? We take away their personhood.

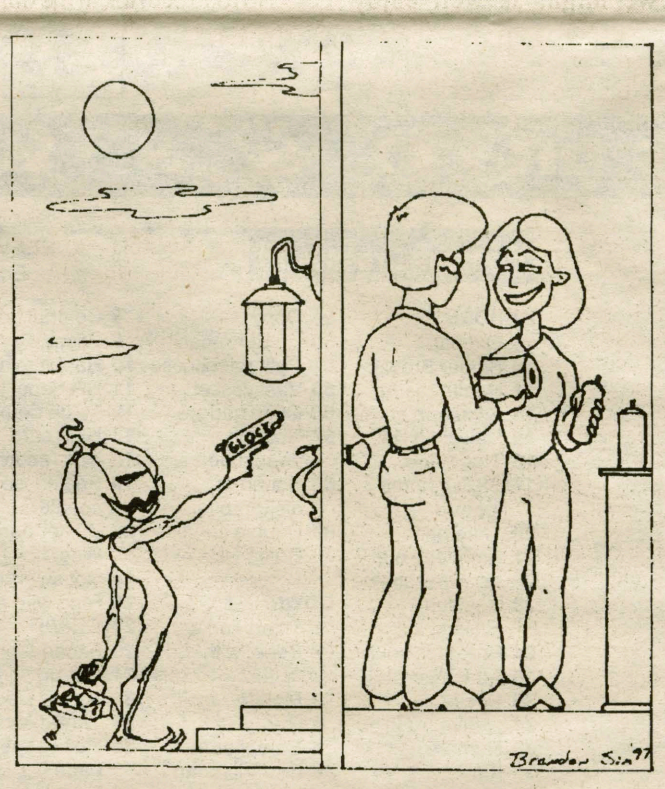
We say to them, "I do not see you, you are not worth seeing." In a community where we are no longer living with mom or dad, who once fed us confidence and compassion on a daily basis, we need to become one another's "human connection."

By acknowledging the passerby, looking people in the eye, saying hello, extending a helping hand, and offering a smile, you can become part of the missing link. You have the ability to transform a person into a human being with a simple gesture.

Please do so.

Ivy Rollins '01

THE LEADING BRAND by Brandon Sim '99



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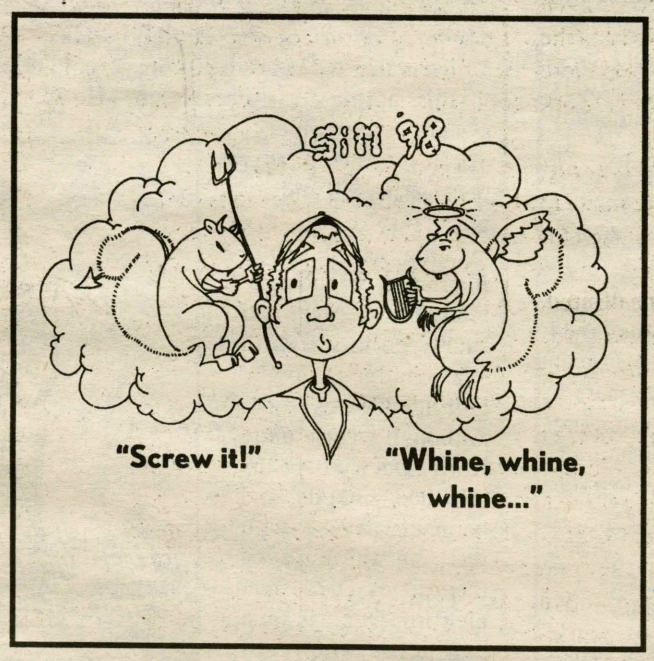
The real source of student apathy; 'furry little role models'

After extensive research, neurological testing, silent meditation and contemplation and a couple of bottles of Black Forest, we've traced the source of student apathy on campus. Initially we looked at the administration, believing their lack of response to student outcry to be the cause. We found that even previous administrations dealt with the same student attitude, and that, regardless of their responses, student apathy remain's a constant. We looked for other constants that might explain the unresponsiveness of so many whose applications read like a who's who of campus involvement. To see what brings about this phenomenon, one needs not look any further then the paths upon which we all walk.

Who gives us more blank stares than a college full of students that don't read? Who is completely unresponsive to our poking and prodding? Who seems to completely leech off of the school and the contributions of others? The squirrels of Hamilton, the army of apathy whose influence pervades the minds of freshmen and eventually turns them into the very model of apathy, the Senior.

It is a gradual change, one whose influence is so slight that it takes some time for the effects to manifest themselves. Anywhere else you go, squirrels live in healthy fear of people, and care enough to vacate the path when a mob of unruly frosh roll by getting ready to change the world. However, at Hamilton they will stay put; you are not worth their bother.

Students have learned many lessons from their furry little role models. The whole concept of "direct grassroots action" was developed, with ruthless efficiency, by the animals. When a barrier exists to something they desire, say a box of Captain Crunch on your windowsill; they take direct action to fulfill their needs. They don't go through the proper channels: never have the squirrels petitioned Physical Plant to remove the screens, nor have they engaged in mass sit-ins in the President's office. Rather, they just go ahead and gnaw through the barriers. Imagine the damage they could do if they had opposable thumbs.



DAVE KUTCHER & TOM LEEN

GRUMPY OLD MEN

It is easy to see the negative side of the student-squirrel connection. In all seriousness, our chubby-cheeked friends are just misunderstood. It is only possible to truly understand a squirrel through observation of their yearly progression. In the summer they frolic around; we don't see them much, but we assume that they are up to no good in our absence.

Then the fall comes, and all of their summer freedom is gone. They may seem lazier and look to be getting fatter, but in reality they are working harder then ever to prepare for the months ahead. Hidden from our view, they are actually stockpiling their nuts and conserving their energy which will enable them to survive the tough winter months and early snow storms. They spend time away from it all in mild hibernation so that when the snow finally melts and the sun comes out, they're ready to frolic once again.

The squirrels might seem apathetic, but this is only based upon a cursory glance at our little furry friends. As you can see, they are an extremely busy group working hard at surviving great difficulties. We may judge them based upon their interactions with us, but we must also keep in mind that they are doing many other things outside our scope of vision. And just because their actions seem overly direct and crude, they should not be held at fault for their methods.

Now if you will excuse us, we need to go clean our room; we think there is a beer buried in there somewhere.

Hamtech at its finest: shared college trivialities

I don't mind this school. I really don't. The way I figure, we might as well enjoy college life while we still can. Sure, once in a while you may think that your life is horrible and that you'd rather be working or doing anything else—anything besides writing that fifteen page paper or studying for a midterm that covers more than Gary Payton. However, our situation is not all that bad, and probably does not deserve all the complaining we do, and which I am about to do.

So let me make it clear that I do like attending this school. I love a lot of the people here, and despite Hamilton being hours from a *real* city, the leaf quilted hills which will be soon covered in white, make up a scenery that is worth taking an honest look at. With that said, and for the sake of not sounding more cheesy than I already have, I will proceed to point out the trivialities of daily living at Hamilton College that tend to overshadow what is right about this school.

No food or drink in the library! What, are you joking? As I now enjoy my pink lemonade from the diner I so stealthily swindled past the eyes of the all-knowing reference librarian, I wonder about this policy. If I find myself in the midst of a 12 hour binge on the orange rug, I'd lose my mind if I didn't have something to wet my whistle (bless the water fountains, but they can only do so much). I don't believe it is anyone's intention to rub buffalo sauce all over a Macintosh. We bring food to the library with a hope to consume it, not throw it.

With all of the fancy renovations done to Commons, they managed to forget one thing: something that tells time. The one clock it does have is hardly in a strategic place. How about the pizza? On Tuesday I ask, "Can I get some dough with this block of cheese?" On Wednesday, "Hey, how about some cheese to go with my three chunks of tomato?" C'mon Kappa! Please fix the Minute-Maid orange.

Last week I was in class and my professor saw the need to write on the blackboard. Well, she had more of a chance at finding spectators for a field hockey game than she had at finding a piece of chalk. Chalk. I went to public high school and we had enough of it to support the Rainbow Alliance three times over. Hey Gene, my little sister might be able to spare some if it isn't in the budget.

JOHN MEEHAN

MYSTIC MUSINGS

Now does it really matter where I stand if I am hoping to catch the Jitney on a cold, Clinton night? A few weeks ago, I was approaching the Jitney stop on the corner near the new ATM. Well, the Jitney was coming up the road perpendicular about to bear right up the hill. He saw me. Oh, he saw me. I caught a wave, and maybe even a chuckle, but no ride from the blue bus. He must have been in a rush on the way back from Weavers.

Why does it constantly seem like an ongoing war between the students and administration? Not the faculty, but those other people. You've already taken away our houses. How about sporting a nice new venue for social functions? Security wonders why North Court turns into a Vancouver riot. Well, you know what? That place s-cks. I think people would hesitate to destroy a place they respected and wanted to keep clean.

Parking is about as accessible as 42nd Street on a Saturday night. Maybe I'm out of my element Donnie, but why even have parking permits? First come, first serve, baby. We do pay thirty grand to go here, you'd figure they'd throw in some parking and a piece of chalk.

Finally, cable t.v...need I say more? No, but I will. I suppose they're afraid we'd spend too much time watching the tele if we had the benefit of cable. But you know the truth of the matter? If you like t.v., you're going to watch it regardless. I find myself glued to "America's Funniest". This is a show where I'd have to be tied to my chair in order to watch it at home.

So if the t.v. watchers are going to stay faithful anyhow, what about supplementing some enjoyable, informational, bearable entertainment when the library is too much to handle? WUTR is not a newscast. That show seems like it was filmed in some guy's basement in Utica. Jerry Springer and Ricki Lake are only making me more dumb and much too nauseous to actually enjoy my wrap from the diner.

Don't get me wrong, I love this place.

It's easy to criticize.

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The Hard Truth

From the desk of dan k.

Recently, it came to my attention (or whatever you want to call the state I live in) that the rumor is that the reason that this campus doesn't have cable is because they fear it will detract from our studies. Is it not the job of a college to teach us what is important and what is not? Wouldn't it be a great society if college's did just that, teach us what is good and bad information. It would be like having everyone judge the information we receive and determine whether or not it is worthy of being counted. This would make it so much better for the coming years. When our generation begins to take over the industries, the television would become a much more reliable medium for educational purposes. If it is ingrained in us that the television can be used properly, isn't it possible that it will be in the coming years. It seems to work in most other areas of education. I don't know many people who continue to run with scissors once they learn it is dangerous. Why is it that this institution has given up on teaching proper use of the television? Even in my sophomore year here, one of my classes spend a whole session learning how to use the library. If I didn't already know how to use such a medium, why do they continue to teach it? Shouldn't the same be for the television?

Sure there are things on television that are completely useless to our society, but there are also some texts in the library that are the same. Does this mean we should stop going to the library because too many people are using the wrong books? Or, should it be a situation where our campus is unable to access cable because it has some bad parts?

Even if that is the case, and this campus is comfortable being completely ignorant to reason and common sense, there continues to stand the question of why we have televisions at this school at all. The channels that we are allowed to get in our room are composed of the worst programming on all of television. What is the use of minimizing our information to a grade school level. Sure when we were kids we not expected to be watching educational television, we couldn't understand it. But now, as we enter into our more formidable years we are not allowed to watch the programming that applies to us. From constant world news to National Geographic, cable television has programming which in some cases is more important than a lecture. For example, what would be a better tool for education, listening to a lecture about impeachment by a scholar, or watching impeachment hearings live while receiving a narration by the country's foremost political scientist?

I am reminded daily of how ashamed I should be at the time I spend in front the television in student's rooms because there is never any quality programming. The real waste of time is national primetime television, when the closest one will ever get to educational viewing is during "News Breaks". Who is the administration trying to kid, or if it is the faculty, they as well. What could possibly be the reason we don't have cable? If it is that you don't trust my judgment, then how do you explain any other privilege that I am allowed while on campus. If the television is such a "dangerous" tool, then can it be explained to me why I am allowed to have any freedom? I think driving can become a little more dangerous than the television on many occasions.

Don't play games with my future. I do not feel like purposely being behind the rest of my peers when I enter the real world. When I move on from this institution and I have to discuss any topic with an employer or associate, how can I compete with their knowledge. They have fifty channels in which to choose from, and I all I ever had was a library with old books in it and two fuzzy channels.

I really cannot believe that a national media can claim that this college is number twenty-five in the nation. The irrational decisions passed down by the administration proves the inaccuracy of the polls. We are led by people who have less of a clue than we do, and we can take comfort in that at least we are still actively trying to learn.

This topic is not dead, it is every bit as alive as it ever will be, this is time to put in some eyedrops and see clearly, we cannot let ourselves be pushed around by idiocy. If they get away with this, imagine what else they can do to us. How about no more fraternities, sororities, or even worse no FM radio, (we all know how useless THAT can be).

This is not a joke, well maybe it is, but it isn't funny at all. We don't have time to mull this over, we need to do something and make it active, you can think of that.

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Voting: six versus a half dozen

BEN ZOLL

THEY CALL HIM

Bipartisan: literally, stagnant cesspool devoid of thoughts or dreams. My prediction for the United States is that we won't be living in this politically monotonous system much longer. I am not stating this because myself and my gun wielding, tax evading, heroin using, libertarian friends are ready to take over and finally go to war with Washington D.C. like god intended us to do. Although we are quite ready. But it will be the so called "liberals" and "conservatives" who will be the end of themselves. The current election year is just another example of why.

Have you ever noticed that the more often you see a name on television in an election-time political add, that name is associated with bad things? A commercial in support of man X will mention his name only once and in an unassuming spot, while the incumbent Y gets mentioned throughout the ad? And whenever the voiceover mentions the word "liberal" or "conservative", silly music like munchkins playing lutes and bagpipes begins to play? Eventually, voters will begin voting for candidates that they've only read good things about: such as organized groups like the Raving Loony Monster party of England (I'm not making that one up) who promote themselves while Democrats and Republicans tear into each other like some crazed Donkey Vs. Elephant kumate.

Cue: A long series of photos with pictures of cute looking children between the ages of 5 and 9 with 40 percent being a minority and 55 percent of them female, "Have you heard about 'congressman' Barry Swyndler? He works in 'Washington D.C.' He voted to kill all of these children by continuing to support the cigarette smoking missile launching the Christian Death Squad interest group. Barry Swyndler spent the money that could have saved these Children from bloody deaths to buy nails for warheads at 210 bucks a pop? Barry Swyndler: Vote something else, for the love of all things sacred and holy."

Cue: poorly drawn cartoon picturing Senator Joe Quagmire dressed like a clown sleeping on a big pile of money. "What's the word in Washington about Joe Quagmire? (Cue: slow goofy carousel music) *The National Journal of Annoying Habits* reports Joe Quagmire has not voted for anything in the past six months! And *The Inside Scoop* says so-called 'senator' Joe Quagmire would even let a gun toting maniac like Alek Tukillyu back into society from Sing-Sing because he promotes 'working to help' our nations 'criminals' cure their 'diseases'? (Cue: mug shot of Alek Tukillyu) People like this are allowed to leave prison early on trust-based work release programs! It's all because of Joe Quagmire, and he'll spend all your Tax Money at Turning Stone to support the Native Americans instead of you! Joe Quagmire (picture of Joe Quagmire turns into a shark and swims upstate to eat small children) can we afford it? (paid for by the Friends and Cellmates of the Alek Tukillyu Foundation)."

If you ask me, I'm picking the name that I've never heard before. If there's more than one of those, I'm voting for the one who belongs to the Anti-Whig Simian Separatist Front Union. I'd even vote for the Libertarian, if it came down to it. If you haven't sent in your ballot yet, think about what you're really voting for: mudslinger A, mudslinger B, or someone who really wants to work in Washington for you. And if there's a write in spot, vote for me.

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A simple life; finding redemption

Tamar Scoggin

Echoes of Eldorado

If there is one thing I have learned with my college experience, it is a list of "what I no longer want for my future." A little counter-intuitive, you might say. Some of you might be shaking your heads, wondering where I went wrong. Child, I've only begun to go right.

I have learned that I no longer want fame. When I was a child, I loved the Ronald Dahl book The BFG. In this book, the Big Friendly Giant is responsible for the phenomena of dreams. He collects dreams, keeps them labeled in a jar, and distributes them by blowing through a trumpet-like device into the rooms of the dreamers. One of the dreams he keeps for special occasions is the one that was the nebulas of all my ambition for so many years. The dreamer dreams that he/she writes the book that moves the entire world. Once people pick this book up, they cannot put it down. When I was a child, I coveted such a dream and such fame. I wanted to not only move the masses, but be known by them.

"When I was a child, I caught a fleeting glimpse out of the corner of my eye, I turned to look but it was gone, I cannot put my finger on it now, the child is grown, the dream is gone." I cannot explain to you this drive to be famous, or why I felt I needed public notoriety concerning all the incredible things I accomplished in my life. Freud might explain it in so many terms, but if I were to be nice to myself, I would say that to affect the hearts and souls of a suffering world of people in positive way was my ultimate goal. I still think that way, only now I could care less if Time reported on it. The dream has not gone, only changed in value. I have learned not to mourn for ambition lost. Ambition is an expectation that can be corrupted far too easily. Give me "soul-force" instead.

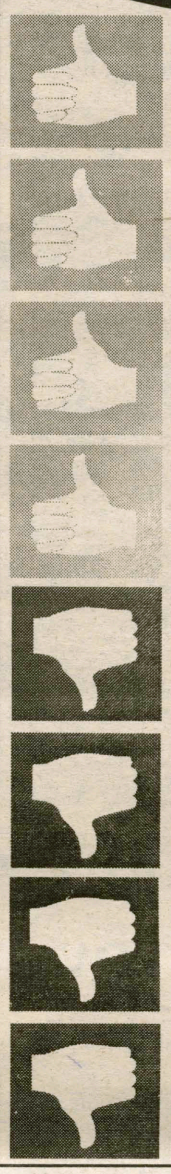
I have also learned that I no longer want to sell myself. In this I mean I do not want to engage in meetings and activities in order to enrich my resume which is just paper form of my ego. Sure, if the job of my dreams requires a resume I'll be more than happy to supply one. I just do not want to hand it to the interviewer thinking "did I do enough, did I pick the right font, are my margins correct, do I have enough volunteer activities listed?" I want to hand my resume in with a sense of completeness and unattachment, like "yo man, this is what I have accomplished, but if you really want to know how I feel about all of it, just look into my eyes." When I applied for college, I feel like I sold out. I took these talents and activities that I cherished in the deepest part of me, garnished them with a little "oh, oh, pick me!", slapped a stamp on them and sent them into oblivion. I am forever grateful to this school for choosing me, because what I gave them was an ego-warped version of my soul.

Instead of a pity parade, however, I think that set the stage for the reason that I am here, to redeem myself. Redemption is found not in how many times I make Dean's List, how many electives I have, how many jobs I have held down and how many guys fall at my feet in awe of my "beauty and intelligence" (I learned the "effectiveness" of that line freshman year). Redemption is found in taking the time out to sit in Opus and write a poem or two. Redemption is found in reading a book other than one assigned for class. Redemption is found in taking a walk in the Glen on a sunny Sunday afternoon, which is the time usually slotted for work. Redemption is found in admitting to myself that I no longer find fulfillment at huge parties but with an intimate gathering of friends. Redemption is found when I step back from the chaos of expectations and ask my soul "what do you need right now, my friend?" and without hesitation, giving to it.

I just want a simple life, though the reasons for wanting this are so many I have only begun to discuss them here. Seems a little ironic, that the simplicity of life can be described so thoroughly. Often I wonder if anyone else feels this way that this article that I choose to write for myself gives any bearing on anyone else's list of what they do not want for their future. If it does or does not, so be it. I just thought you might like to know, right along with me.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

By Molly Swift and Freckles Bouquet



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moe. comes to the Stanley on Halloween

by Jess Hunt '01
A&E WRITER

Imagine that you are a student here at Hamilton in 1988. It is October 30th, and your friend tells you about a new band called *Phish* playing on campus on Halloween. You turn down the opportunity, responding *Phish*? I think that I have better things to do." *Phish* really did play here at Hamilton on Halloween ten years ago, and certainly many people regrettably passed up this opportunity to see the band. Fast-forward ten years to the present. Your friend asks you, "Do you want to see a great new band called *moe.* on Halloween at the Stanley?" Pegged by many in the music industry as the successor to *Phish*,

moe. is a New York City based jam-rock quartet that originated in Buffalo in 1991. Similar to the Burlington based *Phish*, *moe.* is known for storied live performances that incorporate extensive jams and quirky lyrics that fuse rock, funk, bluegrass, jazz, and hints of reggae and ska. With a great light show and performances that can clock in at close to four hours, it is no wonder that *moe.* is rapidly developing a fervent fan base nationwide, known as "moe.rons"

.Although *moe.* may be lumped together with *Phish*, it becomes quickly evident after one listens to them, whether live or in studio, that their influences are much more diverse, ranging from *Zappa* to *Steely Dan*. The accolades have been rolling in from the press as well. In 1997, Rolling Stone Magazine called *moe.* one of the ten best underground bands. With the release of what is considered by many as their breakthrough album, "Tin Cans and Car Tires," produced by John Algia (noted for his work with Dave Matthews) and engineered by John Siket (who has worked with *Phish*), *moe.* may not be underground for much longer. The first two singles off the album, "Stranger than Fiction" and "Nebraska" are catchy, radio friendly tunes that have the potential to really propel *moe.* into the big time. In the summer of 1997, *moe.* began their ascension into the national spotlight by earning the slot as the opening band at the Furthur Festival, where people shut down their tailgates early in order to catch the band that everyone in the parking lots was talking about.

moe. will rock the Stanley Theatre in Utica on Halloween for a crowd of friends and family (all four members trace their roots to the Utica area), as well as for throngs of "moe.rons" who will come from hundreds or even thousands of miles away. Tickets are $21 and are available through Ticketmaster or the Stanley Theatre box office. Check their website at www.moe.org for more details.

Political comedy troupe *Capitol Steps* comes to us followed by a trail of laughs

Press Release

Do you think politics is boring and humorless? Think again. This *November the Campus Activities* Board, Student Assembly, the Office of the President, the Dean of Faculty, the Dean of Students, the Government Department, the Office of Alumni Affairs and the Office of Student Activities will present the Capitol Steps in a special appearance at Wellin Hall. *The Capitol Steps*, hailed as "the only group in Washington that attempts to be funnier than the Congress," is a troupe of former Congressional Staffers who travel the country satirizing the very people and places who once employed them.

The group was formed by Elaina Newport, Bill Strauss and Jim Aidala. in December 1981, when three staffers for Senator Charles Percy were asked to provide entertainment for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Christmas party.

At first, the group considered staging a traditional nativity play, but they were unable to find, in all of the Congress, "three wise-men and a virgin." So they decided to dig into the headlines and hot topics of the day to create new lyrics for familiar tunes. What emerged was a special brand of satirical humor that, thanks to the likes of Ross Perot, Socks the Cat, and the entire Congress, have enjoyed an ever-increasing audience. The Capitol Steps were created during the Reagan Administration.

Thanks to the trials and tribulations, scandals and screwups of our elected officials, there's never a shortage of material. According to co-founder and performer Elaina Newport, "Typically the Republicans goof up, and the Democrats party, then the Democrats goof up, and the Republicans party. That's what we call the two-party system."

Many celebrities and politicians, some of whom have been targets themselves, have performed with the troupe: Sam Donaldson, Vice President Gore, Larry King, Surgeon General Koop, Fawn Hall, and former President Bush, just to name a few.

On Saturday, November 21, the *Capitol Steps* will perform at 8 p.m. as a general admission show in Wellin Hall. Tickets go on sale to the Hamilton Community beginning Monday, November 2 and will be sold on Monday (11/2) and Tuesday (11/3) in Beinecke Student Activities Village from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Wednesday, November 4 ticket sales will move to Bristol Campus Center, and tickets will be made available to the general public. Admission price is $3 for students, $10 for Hamilton employees, and $15 for the general public. So, get out and cast your "vote" for the *Capitol Steps.*

HOROSCOPES

FOR THE WEEK OF OCT. 30 - NOV. 5

by The Mysterious Q
A&E ASTROLOGER

Scorpio
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Feeling a bit like you're in a daze, Scorpio? Soon enough things will come into focus again. Until then, enjoy being a little bit out of the loop. Your lucky shape is: a star.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Okay Sagittarius, it is your time to shine. You will get a grip on the work that has been neverending. You will be able to make important decisions at the drop of a hat. Just trust yourself. Your lucky magazine is: *Cosmopolitan.*

Capricorn
(Dec. 22- Jan. 20)
This weekend added some much needed spice to your life, didn't it Capricorn? Now stop complaining that everyone else is having all the fun. Why don't you be happy with what you have? You've got a lot. Your lucky ocean animal is: a manatee.

Aquarius
(Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
You've been learning some interesting things, Aquarius. Start using all these talents more often and you will get a lot of recognition. Continue to be a keen observer, and everything will come easily for you. Your lucky dip is: caramel.

Pisces
(Feb.20-March 20)
Costumes are right up your creative alley, Pisces. Use this holiday to surprise all around with your disguise. Remember to dress warmly! Your lucky treat is: 3 Musketeers.

Aries
(March 21-April 20)
The future is many months away, Aries. Stop listening to those around you who are hyping it up. The present day is where you need to be living. Listen to me. Your lucky cookie is: anything not Italian.

Taurus
(April 21-May 21)
Taurus, you're back from a little time on your own. You may be tired and just want to sleep but it's time to gear up for a new adventure. This weekend you need to get a lot done, plow through it all like a champion. Your lucky time is: 12:30am.

Gemini
(May 22-June 21)
Beware of spooky creatures this Halloween, someone may be out to get you, Gemini. Give everything and everyone you meet a second glance because they might not be what you first think they are. Looks and attitudes can be deceiving. Your lucky Buffer tune is: Jesse's Girl.

Cancer
(June 22-July 22)
Trying to arrange your responsibilities around parties, Cancer? Take astep back and evaluate your priorities. It's time you start acting your age. Step one is hanging out with people who are your equal. Your lucky station is: WHCL.

Leo
(July 23-August 23)
You may feel compelled to binge on candy, Leo, it being Halloween and all. But be sure not to go overboard. Also, do not take candy, or anything else for that matter, from strangers. Your lucky color is: flourescent green.

Virgo
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Virgo, your head has been pounding with all you need to do or remember. By this weekend it will all be a memory and the pain will go away. Your lucky body part is: your eye.

Libra
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
You've been making an impression wherever you go, Libra. Keep doing things that make you laugh and smile, others enjoy it too. Keep putting in the effort wherever it is needed. Everything will payoff in the end. Your lucky flavor is: chocolate.

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I Musici de Montreal to perform in Wellin Hall

by Jess Hunt '01
A&E WRITER

On Sunday, November 1 the world famous *I Musici de Montreal* with clarinet ist Charles Neidich will perform at 3:00 p.m in Wellin Hall. Under the direction of cellist Yuli Turovsky, the 14 member group's repertoire consists primarily of chamber music from the Baroque era to the 20th century.

With more than 100 performances annually, *I Musici de Montreal* attracts large audiences, not only in Montreal and the rest of Canada, but in the United States, Europe, and Asia as well. Noted for its incredible precision and intensity, the orchestra seems to evoke emotion in all its listeners. Delicately hypnotic at the onset, the program usually gains its intensity gradually and then ends with a jazzy finale.

Founded in 1983, *I Musici de Montreal* has recorded 35 C.D.'s for *Chandos Records*, which have sold in 48 countries throughout the world. In 1996, the group won a "Felix" and a "Juno" for Best Classical Album for its recording of "Ginastera-Villa Lobos-

PHOTO BY JEAN-FRANÇOIS PRIEUR

Hamilton presents the world renowned orchestra, *I Musici de Montreal.*

group stands out in part due to Turovsky's impeccable direction. Born and raised in Moscow, Turvosky's background provides the group with an international flavor and Russian flair. The Quebec players, ranging from gifted violinists and cellists to a solo pianist and trumpeter, create a band definitely worth hearing.

Accompanying the *I Musici de Montreal* on Sunday will be clarinetist Charles Neidich. One of the only clarinetists left able to maintain a solo career, Neidich has appeared with many distinguished orchestras such as the Handel & Haydn Society of Boston, the St. Louis Symphony, the Vienna Symphony and the American String Quartet, among others. Neidich's repertoire consists of over 200 solo works, many commissioned or inspired by him, in addition to several of his own transcriptions of vocal and instrumental works.

A native of New York, Neidich began studying the clarinet as a child with his father. He continued his lessons with famous instructor Leon Russianoff, and in 1975 he became the first American to receive a Fulbright grant to study in the U.S.S.R. With a B.A. from Yale Univeristy, and as a member of the artist faculties at several top music schools such as Julliard, Neidrich not only performs, but teaches and conducts throughout the year.

Presented by "The Performing Arts at Hamilton Classical Connections" series, Sunday afternoon's performance promises to be filled with assurance and flair. After playing in some of the world's major concert halls such as Lincoln Center and the Palais des Beaux-Arts, *I Musici de Monteral*, in addition to accomplished clarinetist Charles Neidrich, should make Sunday's show a rare opportunity for Hamilton students, faculty, and guests to share in the excitement.

For more information, please contact the Hamilton College Performing Arts Ticket Office at (315) 859-4331. Tickets for the performance are $15.00 for adults and $5.00 for students

Evangelista." While at Hamilton, the orchestra plans to perform its "Serenade Opus 87" by Turina, "Airs d'Espagne" by Evangelista, "Clarinet Concerto" by Copland, and String Quartet in D minor "Death and the Maiden" by Schubert and arranged by Mahler.

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MOVIES IN REVIEW

PLEASANTVILLE B+

COURTESY HOYT'S SANGERTOWN 8
SANGERTOWN SQUARE MALL

by Matthew Olney '01
MOVIE REVIEWER

Screenwriter Gary Ross (*Dave, Big*) makes his directorial debut in a film about a pair of 90's twins who are warped into a 50's television show called *Pleasantville* by a mysterious television repairman (Don Knotts). David (Toby Maguire) becomes Bud and Jennifer (Reese Witherspoon) becomes Mary Sue, children of George (William H. Macy) and Betty (Joan Allen) in a "perfect 1950's family." Once in this "Leave It To Beaver" style setting where sex is unheard of and "swell" and "keen" are the in words, they begin to expose this naive world to modern ideas.

While in Pleasantville, Bud and Mary Sue experience meaningful changes. Bud is first presented as a nerd whose social life fits in well with that of a Pleasantville teenager. Towards the end of the film, he becomes socially accepted. Mary Sue on the other hand is a trash talking, sexually experienced teen always looking for excitement; as the movie nears its end, she chooses to read a D.H. Lawrence novel over going on a date. However, the changes to Pleasantville are more significant than the changes to these teens.

PHOTO COURTESY NEW LINE CINEMA

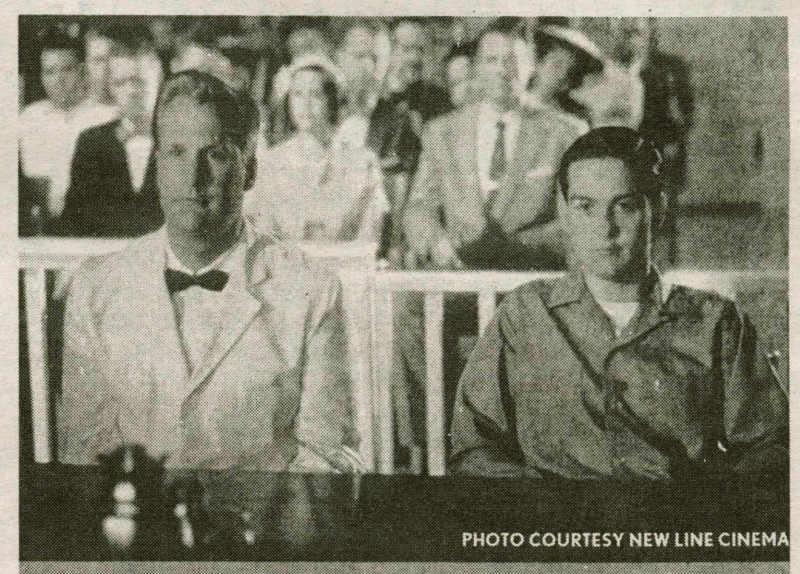
Screen-writer Gary Ross takes us on a journey of colors in his directorial debut film, *Pleasantville*.

Pleasantville is transformed from a near-utopian town into one that is imperfect and socially divided. People begin to think for themselves, read books, and even have sex all ideas unthinkable before Bud and Mary Sue arrived. We see vivid changes in two characters in particular. Betty discovers her selfworth and sensuality, and Mr. Johnson (Jeff Daniels), the local ice cream shop owner, uncovers a talent for painting. As the town begins to change, so do the colors. The change begins with a simple rose changing from black and white to red, and by the next day cars, trees, and even people have become colored.

Change brings division to Pleasantville. The "coloreds" are led by Bud, Mary Sue, Betty and Mr. Johnson while the "normals" are led by George and the town leader Big Bob (J.T. Walsh). The conflict is a rather obvious variation on the theme of racism.

The acting in this film is superb. Witherspoon (*Fear*), displays surprising talent while Maguire (*The Ice Storm*) brings a solid effort to the performance. Macy (*Fargo*) and Daniels (*Dumb and Dumber*) are also at top form, but it is Joan Allen's (*Nixon, The Crucible*, and *The Ice Storm*) transfiguration from a 50's housewife to a woman with feelings that makes this movie shine.

The special effects are also outstanding. There were more visual- effects shots in this film (1,700, compared to *Titanic*'s 500) than any other in history. The scenes with color and black and white together are amazing. Along with Jeannine Claudia Oppenwall's incredible set design, the overall visual experience is unbelievable. Movie buffs can look for references to movies like *The Shawshank Redemption, Do The Right Thing, To Kill A Mockingbird,* and *Citizen Kane.* Unfortunately, the plot begins to drag towards the end, but this minor defect can be overlooked by Oscar-caliber acting and outstanding visual effects. This is a must see film!



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Jeff Bridges and Toby Maguire appear before a packed courthouse in *Pleasantville*.

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Women's Soccer ends season on sour note

by Matt Hajduk '99
SPORTS WRITER

The Utica College and Colby games marked the end of the Hamilton women's soccer team's season. On October 22 the women picked up a 2-0 win against Utica in their last home game of the season. It was a cold and nasty day, but co-captain Courtney Zimmer '00 and Emily Bayley '02 plugged in two goals in the second half. Keeper Brenna Chiaputti '02 didn't have to make a difficult save all day and closed the game with a shut-out. Coach Viscomi was pleased with Hamilton's play. "Everyone saw playing time which was nice for our last home game," she said. What made it especially memorable was honoring the two graduating seniors, Amy Williams '99 and Kerry Maxwell '99, who both committed four years to the team.

The last game against Colby brought different results. This time, it was Hamilton who was defeated, by a score of 4-0. Colby lost only two players to graduation from last year's NCAA Tournament team. "When it came down to it, they played like they were in championship form and we played like we had just gotten off a two-hour bus ride," Coach Viscomi later commented. Zimmer also noticed the team's lack of enthusiasm. "Overall, [we did not play] too well. Some people played intensely, but for the most part the momentum was not in our favor," she said.

While it's disappointing to end the season on a low note, it is important to keep in mind all the team accomplished this year. They came within one game of reaching the .500 record the team set early on as their goal. They also quadrupled their scoring output from last year. Probably the best part of all is that all 11 starters return next year.

Most players will look back on this season with fond memories. Julia Guastella '02, a key scorer, recalls, "Looking back on my season, I think what sticks out the most is the closeness of the team and our ability to work together on and off the field. Also, against some of our toughest opponents . . . we played at a different level and were able to compete with those teams." Star offensive forward Emily Bayley '02 sums it up by saying, "I had a really good time with my teammates . . . and am looking forward to next year." Putting closure on the season, co-captain Azure Davey '00 leaves the team with her thoughts.

"I can't thank this team enough for the season, and I am already looking forward to next year. Our record really did not demonstrate our capabilities, and I hope next year we can achieve the unity we reached this year with some post-season play."

The future definitely looks bright.

Afraid to leave your room on Halloween???

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Intramural Bulletin

compiled by Sarah Gloo '01

Football

Playoffs start this Sunday, November 1. Head on over to the IM fields and cheer on the teams as they battle for a spot in the championship game Sunday, November 7 at 3pm.

Current Standings:
1. DKE
2. DU
3. AD
4. TDX
5. Southern Boys
6. Psi U

Soccer

A-League Championship

Matt Green's Shimmy Shakers	3
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B-League Championship

Team Hirschey	2
Team Okabashi	1

Mark Your Calendars

There is a co-ed, singles IM raquetball tournament December 5.

If you are interested in playing, contact Kristen at x1708 or email kholderl. No experience necessary necessary, and yes there will be prizes!

Sports Round-Up

Compiled by David Zane '02

Volleyball

Hamilton vs. Wheaton
Loss (16-14, 15-7, 15-9) **Leading Scorer: Kate Clark** '02 five kills, one error, fifteen attempts for .26 hitting percentage
Hamilton vs. Mt. Holyoke
Win (6-15, 15-5, 5-15, 15-12, 15-11) **Leading Scorer: Heather Onderick '02:** eleven kills, no errors, thirty-one attempts
Hamilton vs. Gordon
Loss (15-3, 15-7, 15-11) **Leading Contributer: Sarah Tschampel** '00: seventeen assists
Hamilton vs. Brandies
Win (16 -14, 13-15, 15-6, 15-8) **Leading Scorer: Meredith Waltman** '02 two kills, no errors, three attempts for a .66 hitting percentage.

This weekend the Lady Continentals play in a tournament right here on the Hill starting at 9:00 Saturday morning against Russell Sage.

They then have another match against Utica at 11:00 a.m. After these two matches the team will play at varied times depending on which bracket they are placed in. Stop by the Gym and see some Volleyball this weekend.

Men's Soccer

Teddy Comerford '99 scored in the 84th minute of play on Wednesday to give Hamilton a 1-0 win over Rennselaer in the final home game of the season. The Continentals travel to **St. John Fisher** tomorrow for thier regular season finale. A win tomorrow could mean a possible ECAC Tournament bid.

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—Women's Sports Page
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Football searches for first win against Williams

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numbers, Peters is not pleased with the offense's performance. "I'm not happy with the offense," he admitted. "The numbers are deceiving because there's no defense that can stop us, which means those numbers should be better. We can only stop ourselves. I'll make bad throws or a poor read, someone will miss a block, or we turn the ball over. We're capable of putting up more points, because we have enough talent and a good game plan."

Lyons added, "We were hurt last week by poor field position, but we did move the ball well. The problem was we couldn't get the ball in the end zone and that really hurt us. We have to dominate offensively this week. We have to keep Williams' offense off the field to take pressure off of our defense."

It is safe to say that most football fans blame the defense as the reason the Continentals are winless this season. The defense is filled with rookies at many positions, most notably in the secondary.

The lack of pressure the Continental defensive linemen and linebackers have placed on opposing quarterbacks has exposed the inexperienced secondary. But fans must not forget that no one individual is responsible for the defensive woes.

"The best way I can explain the problem is that on a certain play 8 out of 11 guys are doing their jobs and a few players aren't," said linebacker Adam Moscatel '99. "Everyone on the team is making mistakes. Little things are hurting us right now, such as guys overcompensating or trying to do someone else's job. People are almost trying too hard on some plays." Co-captain and defensive lineman Jim Davis '99 continued, "Everyone's giving 110%, and it is frustrating that we are not winning"

PHOTOS BY ERIN WATERS '01

Kicker Greg Bemis '01 continues to be a force in the NESCAC.

Hopefully, the Continentals can turn their season around this weekend against perennial power, Williams. The Ephmen are a perfect 5-0 this season, and the Continentals should get up for this matchup.

Williams defeated Hamilton last season 21-14, while in 1996 the Continentals won 16-13. "They have the league's best offense and defense," remarked Lyons. And the Continentals respect them, but are not intimidated by the Ephmen's tremendous size, skill, and strength.

"Williams does everything well," Davis continued. "But if we come out and play error free and come firing out of the blocks we have a shot. They are always the premier team in the league, but we always play them tough."

One thing is abundantly clear: Williams will not make major adjustments to either their offense or defense this week.

"They will let us run our game plan, because they are so good athletically that they don't need to make many adjustments," said head football coach Steve Frank.

"They are not unorthodox in the way they run things and are very disciplined. However, those are conditions we like to operate under, because we get to run our basic offense."

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Craig Breismiester '00 drives a maul forward for the score.

Men's Rugby prepares for Championship at Aardvark Park

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"It was probably the worst thing I've ever seen," said Matt Kane '99, "His foot was pointing in a direction it shouldn't have been. It was nasty."

With under five minutes left in the game and the game well in hand, the referee decided to end the game giving Hamilton a 5-1 regular season record and its second birth into the state championship game.The Exiles travel to Aardvark Park Sunday to take on Fredonia. Hamilton opened their season at Fredonia, losing a close game.

"All season long, that's been a game we wish we had back," Bolger said of the loss, "Now we have a chance to get some revenge."

"We know we can beat these guys. If we play they way we are capable of, there is no team that can beat us," said Hazard.

Kickoff is 2:30 as Hamilton looks to repeat as State Champions.

Crew's a huge Success

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making the transition from club to varsity status.

Under the exceptional coxing of Allison Root the women's 8 aggressively pounded their way through the course placing an amazing 7th out of 30. Beating such schools as NYU, Trinity, and University of Pittsburgh the women completed the course in a time of 16:04.38.

Following in the women's footsteps the men's 8 had an incredible race with a time of 14:02.45 placing 8th out of 35, only .1 seconds behind Boston University.

Facing some tough competition in the fours divisions both the men and the women made good showings coming in 34 out of 45 and 23 out of 38 respectively.

The novice program made its big debut at the Schuykill, perhaps having the best showing of any Hamilton novice program thus far. The men's novice 8 finished 24th out of 30 and the novice women an amazing 10th out of 31. Finishing 10th for the novice women was an tremendous feat considering manyof the athletes they were competing against had rowed for up to four years in high school.

The team will finish its inaugural varsity season this weekend. They travel to Saratoga Springs to take part in the Head of the Fish.

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Field Hockey wraps up season

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS WRITER

One of the hardest working teams on campus, the women's field hockey team showed that determination and athleticism were a deadly combination. Although the team had many faced many obstacles, they were able to overcome them and work together in order to take on nationally ranked opponents. As a young team, seniors Allison Warner, Cassy Gioti, and Sue Glah were especially looked for to be leaders on and off the field. Coach Hollands credited them with helping the team adjust to a new coach and new style of play, and helping the team stay focused while playing a number of tough games. Through Coach Hollands and her staff, they were able to improve on last years disappointing 2-11 record, to 5-9. However, Hollands feels that their record is misrepresentative of their capabilities. She points out the high number of games the team took down to the wire as a sign that their record could be better.

One of the highlights of the season recently came against the top ranked team in the nation, William Smith. In the game, the Continentals took William Smith to overtime, but eventually lost by what Hollands refers to as a controversial goal. This close game gave theContinentals the confidence they were lacking. Another huge game for the Continentals came against Rochester, whom they beat 3-2 with minutes remaining. Their most recent game was against Colby, a team they traveled eight hours to play. In the final seconds, Colby was able to push in a goal and break open the a scoreless game. This disappointing loss was very typical of the girls season.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Rebeckah Iseman '01 outruns opponent to the ball.

A bright highlight for the season was Hamilton's goaltending. Goalie Lorena Gonzalez '02 recorded an astounding one hundred and fourteen saves for the season. Only a freshman, Gonzalez will only get better with time, making goaltending one of the major strong points for years to come.

Overall, Coach Hollands was very pleased with the season, and says that it exceeded her expectations for her first year on the Hill. "The team came a very long way and they are a bunch of great girls," she said. Hollands was equally impressed with the quality of athletes and level of intensity in which the girls played and practiced. In the off season, the girls will be working on conditioning and getting stronger, while Hollands will now focus her attention to the Women's Lacrosse team."

This Week In Hamilton Sports

	Football	Field Hockey	Men's Golf	Men's Soccer	Women's Soccer	Men's Rugby	Women's Rugby	Volley-ball	X-Country
Fri. Oct. 30									
Sat. Oct. 31	Williams 1:30 pm			St. John Fisher 1:00 pm				Russel Sage 9:00 am	NESCAC Championship
Sun. Nov. 1						FSC @ Rochester 2:30 pm	Ithaca @ Rochester 11:00 am		
Mon. Nov. 2									
Tues. Nov. 3									
Wed. Nov. 4									
Thur. Nov. 5								SUNY Utica 7 pm	
Fri. Nov. 6									

Indicates Home Game Indicates Away Game

Let them play!

Dave Bolger
A View From the Bleachers

Last week *The Spectator* ran a letter to the editor from Benjamin Katz and Steve Vladeck, Sports Editors for *The Williams Record* and *The Amherst Student,* respectively. Their letter, sent to the newspapers of all schools in the New England Small College Athletic Conference, was in reference to an article these gentlemen co-authored.

The article is in reaction to a decision passed last April by the presidents of the member schools of the NESCAC. First, I applaud Mr. Katz and Mr. Vladeck for their efforts in bringing this to everyone's attention. If you haven't read their article I suggest you do: http://www.amherst.edu/~astudent/1998-1999/issue005/opinion/o-collegepresidents.html. Secondly, I join them in the crusade to get this decision reversed.

For those who don't know, I will outline the basics of the decision. In April, the presidents of each school met and unanimously voted to restructure the NESCAC. They decided to make the NESCAC an actual playing conference where each season a NESCAC champion will be crowned.

So far so good. Sounds like a good idea. The NESCAC is one of the best conferences in Division III, why not establish a NESCAC champion each year?

On the other hand, once the powers that be decide how a NESCAC champion can be established, NESCAC schools will cease participation in ECAC play, and be forced to play more games against other NESCAC teams. This means more travel and more time away from academics.

The way the system works now, teams like basketball and hockey play most, if not all, of their NESCAC games on weekends and their ECAC non-NESCAC games during the week.

This is done to alleviate the problems of travel as most of the ECAC opponents are far away, and most NESCAC schools are a considerable distance away. This helps keep the athlete in the classroom during the week.

Under the new system, teams will be forced to play NESCAC schools during the week, which means more travel and many missed classes. I thought this was an athletic conference that put academics first.

It is the next part of the decision that causes most people to raise the red flags. Under the new rules, only the NESCAC champion will be eligible for post-season play.

Our esteemed presidents feel that this decision will "minimize the effect of post-season play on member schools." The question one must ask is – HOW?

The only logical way to determine a league champion is through a tournament or some sort of play-off format. It doesn't make much sense for the NESCAC to establish a post-season to prevent teams from going to the post-season.

Last year, three NESCAC men's basketball teams (our own Hamilton) made it to the "Sweet 16" of the NCAA Tournament. If this new rule was in place, only one team would have been able to go to the tournament.

Is this fair? In men's hockey, Middlebury and Williams went to the NCAA Tournament (Middlebury won its fourth consecutive national title) while Hamilton went on to win the ECAC Tournament.

Under the new system, Middlebury would have been the only team to go to the post-season and Hamilton would have been denied its first ever championship. This decision is clearly a mistake.

If a team has a chance to contend for a national title, how can you possibly deny them the chance?

These presidents should take pride in the fact that their athletic programs have become so successful, they shouldn't punish them.

The goal of every athlete is to reach the pinnacle of their respective sport. It is why they spend hours in the gym. It is the reason why they sacrifice free time to study film and practice. It seems as if these presidents are telling their student-athletes that their hard work, for the most part, is for nothing.

This decision does not effect just the athletic department, it effects the whole school. As I have written about many times before, athletic contes
ts can be a huge social event.

In my time here on the Hill, some of the most exciting moments have come during play-off games. Basketball and hockey play-off games have drawn huge crowds and for a few hours brought the school together.

But now President Tobin has seriously hurt the chances of bringing that excitement back. Its interesting to note that for three years now the school has tried to find ways to improve the social life here on campus. Tobin has made a decision that could potentially harm it.

I urge all students, not just varsity athletes, to let President Tobin know that the decision he and his colleagues made is wrong. I urge members of Student Assembly to attend the forum Mr. Katz and Mr. Vladeck spoke of in their letter. I beg the alumni to come out of the woodwork and speak out against this decision. Let's not let President Tobin ruin yet another aspect of student life.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome Sports Editors, Elliot (Nixed) and Peter, and Bolger, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator.*

	Elliot Nix *Ex-Spectator Sports Editor*	**Peter Ringel** *Spectator Sports Editor*	**Dave Bolger** *Associate Sports Editor*	**Mark Devoe** Senior *Guest #15*	**Matt Miller** Senior *Guest #16*
Specially Selected Sporting Events	Last Week: 9-3 **To date: 51-33**	Last Week: 8-4 **To date: 67-17**	Last Week: 8-4 **To date: 57-27**	Last Week's Guest: Jason Santax 4-8	Last Week's Guest: Nathaniel Hurd 8-4
NFL					
Dolphins at Bills 11/1	Bills	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Bills
Jets at Chiefs 11/1	Jets	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs
Jaguars at Ravens 11/1	Jags	Jags	Jags	Jags	Jags
Giants at Redskins 11/1	Redskins	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
49ers at Packers 11/1	Packers	49ers	49ers	49ers	Packers
Raiders at Seahwaks 11/1	Raiders	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks
Patriots at Colts 11/1	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Cowboys at Eagles 11/2	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys
College Football					
Georgia at Florida 10/31	Gators	Gators	Gators	Gators	Gators
Virginia at Wake Forest 10/31	Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Cavaliers	Cavaliers
Pittsburgh at Syracuse 10/31	Orangemen	Orangemenn	Orangemen	Orangemen	Orangemen
Texas at Nebraska 10/31	Cornhuskers	Corhuskers	Cornhuskers	Cornhuskers	Cornhuskers

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator.* Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

Womens' Rugby heads to state championships

by Matt Hajduk '99
SPORTS WRITER

In a complete turnaround from last year, the Women's Rugby team finished its regular season play undefeated, boasting a record of 5-0-1. Captain Jaimee Smith '99 and a strong core of upperclassmen have combined with an impressive group of rookies to control play in the Women's Excelsior Division. Tonya Bloomer '00 commented on the team's success, explaining, "We've got experienced vets and a lot of new talent. Everything is finally coming together for us this year."

The women ruggers set the pace for their triumphant regular season with a victory over rival Colgate in their season opener. This game was particularly significant for the Continentals as it marked their first win over a Red Raiders team in four years. Ithaca was the next team that the Hamilton women faced, and again they prevailed over a club that had defeated them last season.

On October 17, the Continentals made the first of two road trips to Rochester when they traveled to RIT for a double header against U of R and RIT. Hamilton started the day with a victory over a tie-dyed Rochester team. Both packies and backs broke through Rochester's defense to earn a total of seven tries for Hamilton. Bloomer led the team in scoring with two, while several others players enjoyed their first tries of the season. University of Rochester was unable to produce a single try and the match ended with a 35-0 score.

Hamilton hoped to continue its domination on the field in the second match, but strong parental support from the sidelines was not enough to guarantee a win. The women ruggers suffered from a combination of fatigue and questionable officiating which resulted in a 10-10 tie with RIT. Both of Hamilton's tries were scored by Bloomer. Last Saturday, the Conts played St. John Fisher in their final match of the regular season. Early in the first half, Liz Daly '99 opened the scoring as she broke through a tackle and ran into the try zone giving Hamilton a 5-0 lead. Bloomer, Heather Reichhart '99, "AK" Alice Muir '01, Becky Karb '02, Tamar Scoggin '00, Courtenay Kelley '02, and Alison Ackerknecht '02 each scored for Hamilton. The pack also drove a maul into the Fisher try zone giving Hamilton a total of nine tries. Karb converted on four of her kicks as Hamilton cruised to a 53-0 romp over Fisher. The team dedicated its win to Bess Judson '00 and family for their continued support throughout the season and also to the Saturday morning staff in McEwen.

The win against St. John Fisher secured a spot for the Continentals in the State Championship. They will take on Ithaca this Sunday at Aardvark Park in Rochester at 11:30 a.m. Smith is confident that Hamilton will do well in this game and shared her thoughts on the team's memorable season. "We're a family both on the field and off, and that's what has made us so successful. We are capable of winning [on Sunday] if we play our best as a team."

Coming soon...

Season Previews

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•Nationally ranked Men's Basketball team

A look back to McGwire and Sosa: Was the media truly impartial?

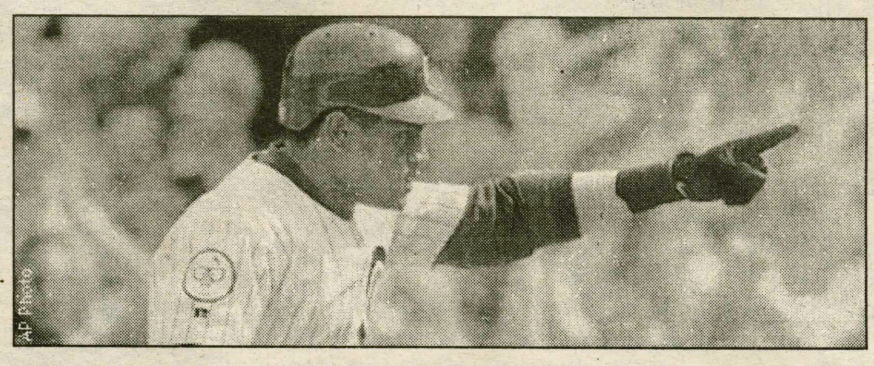
ANDY SEABERG
THE WAY I "SEA" IT

On September 8th, Mark McGwire hit his historic 62nd home run of the 1998 season, breaking Roger Maris' 38-year old record of 61. The ball he hit had been marked with a special infrared pen to validate the achievement, and many notables, including Major League Baseball commissioner Bud Selig, and Maris' children attended the game. Five days later, on September 13th, Sammy Sosa hit his 62nd home run, again breaking the record.

There were no notables attending Sosa's game, nor had the historic ball been marked for authenticity. In the words of New York Times sportswriter Bill Dedman, "It is understood by most sports fans that McGwire's 62nd and Sosa's 62nd were not quite equivalent," due to the fact that Sosa was replicating McGwire's earlier feat.

Still, this was an historic event that did not receive the coverage it deserved. The chase for the single season home run record has been characterized in this manner. Mark McGwire has been lauded as possibly the greatest home run hitter of all time, while Sosa's equally prodigious achievement has garnered relatively little attention.

The differences between how the American public views these two athletes are based on more than the timing of their accomplishments. It is also important to examine how the American public sees these two men, and why the images contrast. Mark McGwire was born in Pomona, California, and is white. Sammy Sosa was born in San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic, and is of Afro-Latin heritage. Although both are United States citizens, Sosa gained citizenship only three years ago. McGwire is a native English speaker. Sosa is fluent in English, but it is definitely his second language, and he speaks with a noticeable accent.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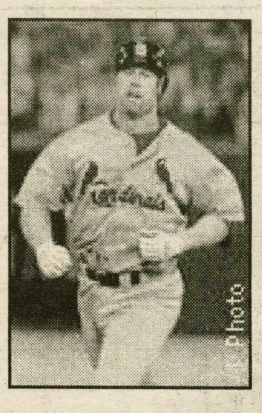
Professional athletes are among the most well known figures in America. Nearly everyone, young or old, rich or poor, knows the names and achievements of our greatest athletes. There are also dozens of television channels and literally thousands of Internet pages devoted solely to sports. Most daily newspapers devote one full section, up to one third of their total coverage, to sports.

In this, the "information age," sports figures are so well known that they are nearly turned into icons, symbolic representations not only of a particular team or city, but at times of the entire nation. As an icon, an athlete must resemble some part of all people, and must communicate something universally seen as being good or heroic about the American character. Ability and achievement alone do not suffice. In their actions and appearance, athletes must foster identification within the American psyche. In becoming an icon, the athlete very nearly becomes a commodity. He must, through his presentation on and off the field, sell himself and appear to be imbued with "American-ness."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Mark McGwire came into this season as baseball's icon. He was born and raised in America, and has grown up as wholly American as is possible. When he speaks to reporters, and through them to the American people, his voice is almost indistinguishable from that of any other average American male. His image is that of a loving father and a caring human being, as well as a home run titan. Throughout his life, he has been inculcated with American linguistic and cultural norms.

Sammy Sosa, however, does not speak the common language. Rather, his speech, because of his accent, bears the mark of his ethnicity. From the first sentence of a television interview, it can be seen by the reporter and the public that there is something different about him. His speech is different, and therefore, he is unlike "us." This is the barrier preventing him from gaining acceptance by the public. "Latinos, whites, and blacks speak of choosing 'one of our own' or 'someone like us.'" For the majority of people, Sosa does not fit that category, and McGwire does. Mark McGwire's image has graced the cover of numerous periodicals throughout the 1998 baseball season. He could be seen nightly on the news, even when he did not hit a home run.

The attitude Americans held toward Sosa is by no means unique; the history of sports, and especially baseball, favors white, American-born athletes.

One historical example analogous to Sosa's situation is that of Roberto Clemente, who played for the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1955 until his death in 1972. Clemente, though one of the greatest athletes of his time, was often forced out of the spotlight by the presence of white, "American" athletes, most notable among them Mickey Mantle of the New York Yankees.

In the 1960 World Series, Clemente turned in an all-star performance, hitting safely in all seven games, but was still upstaged by Mantle, who was white and born in Oklahoma, America's "heartland." Ironically enough, Clemente was an American, born and raised in Puerto Rico, one of the nation's commonwealth states. His accent obscured his American heritage, and many fans considered him a foreigner.

As the home run race was winding down, Sosa seemed to have been relegated to the shadows. Celebrities and baseball officials didn't show up to see his 61st home run. But soon, political correctness got in the way, and the Sosa media blitz went into overkill. The heads of major league baseball scrambled to make up for their non-attendance, and decided to present both Sosa and McGwire with awards for their achievement. The press, who had left Sosa's homeruns as a footnote in the scoreboard, began covering the race the way they should have in the beginning, as a competition between two, rather than the accomplishments of one.

This effort to pretend that Sosa had not been forgotten has almost become absurd in the off season. Mark McGwire holds the record for home runs in a single season. He hit seventy. Sosa hit 66. Watching advertisements on television, one couldn't really tell. Everything being sold by these two men, from hamburgers to coins to videos, features both and presents them as equals.

Although Sosa did not get the credit he deserved in the early season, he's now receiving it because the media is attempting to put him in the race after the fact, pretend that he had been featured all along. In addition to the great baseball it provided, the 1998 season was yet another example of how versed the American media is at slight of hand. Sometimes it makes me glad I'm up here on this hill, with no cable in my room, so I don't have to watch the truth change over time. Then I realize the Simpsons is on.

And more Simpsons after that.

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Bloody Sports

Continentals gear up for Williams showdown

by Peter Ringel '01
SPORTS EDITOR

If someone told you that Continentals quarterback Robbie Peters '00 led the NESCAC in yards and completions and running back Chris McCarthy '02 was the fifth leading rusher in the NESCAC, what would you guess the football team's record would be after five games? Probably not 0-5, which is where the Continentals find themselves after a dismal start to their 1998 season.

Peters has played exceptionally well this season completing 116-191 passes for 1,220 yards. He has thrown seven touchdowns and has been intercepted four times. McCarthy, a phenomenal freshman tailback from Massachusetts, has amassed 360 yards on 78 carries, which averages to a very respectable 4.6 yards per carry. McCarthy has broken some beautiful runs, including a 53 yard scamper against Trinity. Wide receivers Kelby Valenti '99 and Shawn Lyons '99 have continued to be the best receiving tandem in the NESCAC. Valenti has caught 30 balls, while Lyons has 28 catches, placing them third and fourth respectively for most receptions in the division.

The offense got another fantastic performance in the loss to Colby. Running back Charles Martin '02, who also plays a lot of wide receiver for the team, had 4 receptions for 126 yards and two touchdowns. Martin was named ECAC Rookie of the Week.

The offensive line has continued to provide Peters with the time he needs to be an effective passer. Clint Textor '99 and Ted Stewart '01 have anchored an undersized line which often goes up against mammoth competitors. Stewart will move to center this week taking over for Dave Carlinhos '00, who will shift to left guard. The offensive line deserves a lot of credit for the Continentals' offensive success this season. Hamilton currently ranks 3rd in total offense in the NESCAC with 1,864 yards gained.

Despite these astounding

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Crew team makes great strides

by Heather Case '99
SPORTS WRITER

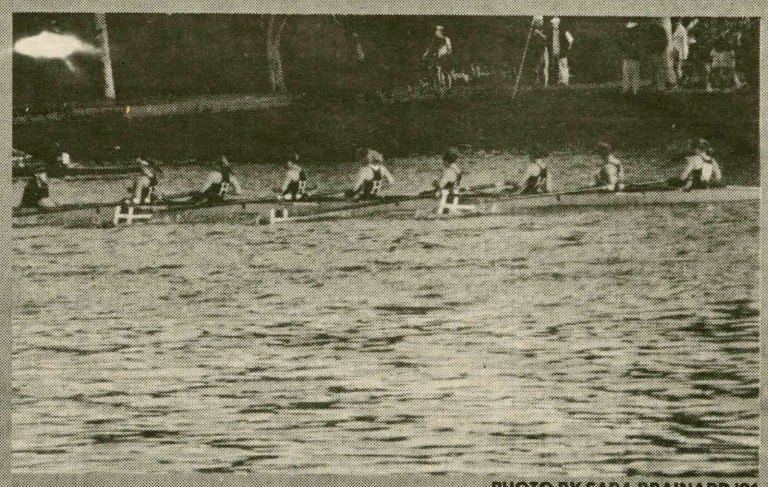

PHOTO BY SARA BRAINARD '01

The fall of 1998 will go down as one of the most remarkable seasons for the crew team not only because of its transition to varsity but because of the impressive race results. Over the past few weeks the team has traveled to Boston and Philadelphia to compete in two of the fall's most important regattas. Both weekends were major turning points in crew's transition to varsity status.

On Saturday October 17, the crew team competed in the world's largest regatta, the Head of the Charles. One of the major highlights of the day outside of the rowing was the team's acquisition of two brand new boats. The Class of 1957 funded the purchase of the men's 8, a number of the members of the Class of 1957 were at the Charles and christened the boat. The women's 4 also received a new boat.

Hamilton had its most entries ever in the Charles this year with three boats. The Continentals first race of the day was the women's 4 who placed a misleading 43 out of 49. The women ran into some problems on the course when the coxswain of the Houssatonic crew rammed them into a bridge, bringing both boats to a complete stop in the middle of the race and causing the officials to penalize both boats a full minute. The women's 8 finishing a solid 29th out of 70 were only twenty seconds behind Ithaca. The women's 8 has made vast improvements in the since the first race of the season where Ithaca surpassed them by a full minute. The last race of the day was the men's 8 who finished 30th out of 79, also running into a few problems the men's cox-box died only a few minutes into the twenty minute race.

On October 24 the team made its way to Philadelphia for the prestigious Head of the Schuykill. Coach Bilyea believes when we look back ten years from now the Schuykill will be seen as the team's "break-out" regatta in terms of

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Men's Rugby Stomps Niagara 65-5

Plays Fredonia for State Championship

by Matt Hajduk '99
SPORTS WRITER

What was supposed to be a tune up for the state championship turned into an offensive onslaught by the Exiles last Saturday.

Scoring early and often, Hamilton scored 33 unanswered points in the first half and then 32 in the second half. Playing one of its best games of the season, Hamilton showed they were ready for a rematch with Fredonia in the State Championship game.

In Saturday's game, Hamilton opened the scoring early when Jeff Cournoyer '99 broke through the Niagara defense twice to score his team leading fifth and sixth tries.

Dave Bolger '99 scored his fourth try of the season when he took the ball out of a 5-meter scrum and basically walked into the try zone as no Niagara moved to try and tackle him.

Perhaps the prettiest try of the season came when Dan Johnson '99 scored the first try of his career.

Flyhalf Derek Brand '99 had the ball deep in Hamilton's zone and kicked it out. The ball landed behind the Niagara fullback and he had trouble fielding the ball.

Brand gave chase to the bouncing ball and leaped over a Niagara player to snatch it out of the air. He quickly passed the ball to Adam Kelly '99 who then passed it to Johnson who punched it in.

"It was the kind of play they put on highlight tapes," Bolger said.

"I wish I could say I meant to do that," Brand said of his amazing play, "I just wanted to clear the ball and the next thing I knew I had the ball again. When I made that play I knew we were in for a good day."

It was indeed a good day for the Exiles. Johnson was just one of the several players who scored the first tries of their careers.

Pat Hibbard '99, Craig Briesmiester '00, Peter Mugglesworth '01, and Ben Pierson '01 joined Johnson in celebrating their first ever tries.

"When I got the ball I knew it was my chance to score," Hibbard said of his try, "I saw open field in front of me. But I'm not the fastest guy on the field so I knew I had to keep moving left and right to keep away from the guys chasing me."

"In a blowout like this, especially before a big game, the only thing you start to think of is making sure no one gets hurt," Bolger said.

Bolger's fear became a reality when Ethan Horvitz '00 too a shot to the head and was forced to leave the game to get thirteen stitches.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Ben Pierson '00 races for the try zone as Andrew Orzel '00 follows for support.

Luckily for Hamilton they have a core of rookies that can step in and replace injured players. Drew Viscomi '01 replaced Horvitz at prop and played great.

"That guy ills people out there, "co-captain Derek Hazard '99 said of Viscomi, "He hits people so hard I can feel it."

Like Viscomi, several rookies entered the game and played like seasoned veterans.

Adam Gold '01 spelled Clarke Collins '99 at hooker and stole numerous Niagara scrums. "Sugar" Ray Ash '02 was yet another rookie to step in and play outstanding.

With the score 60-5 and time winding down, an injury much worse than Horvitz's occurred. Charlie Lower '00 received a pass out on the wing and rumbled into the try zone to make the score 65-5.

As Lower dove into the try zone, a Niagara player tried to tackle him and got his foot stuck under him as the two players rolled over each other.

As the Niagara player rolled over onto his back, it was clear to everyone that he had broken his

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